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The PURDY Family.

At the close of the American Revolution it became evident that, both from choice and necessity, many of those who had been identified with the Royal cause would be compelled to seek new homes under the protection of the British Crown. The first expeditions to be fitted out, had for their destination, New Brunswick or Nova Scotia. Many members of these expeditions ultimately found their way to Ontario, but this province--at that time the Western wilderness of Quebec--was not their original destination. The beginnings of Upper Canada dates from the drawing of lands by that party of loyalists, who established the "First Town," or "Kingston," still known as the township of Kingston. They sailed from New York in 1783, probably about the first of June, occupying six small vessels under convoy of a British man-of-war. They landed at Sorel, where the majority of them remained until the spring of 1784. Among the members of this party were Michael Grass, Barnabas Day, Gilbert Purdy, and others, who appear as the original lot owners along the Bay shore, on the Front of Kingston.

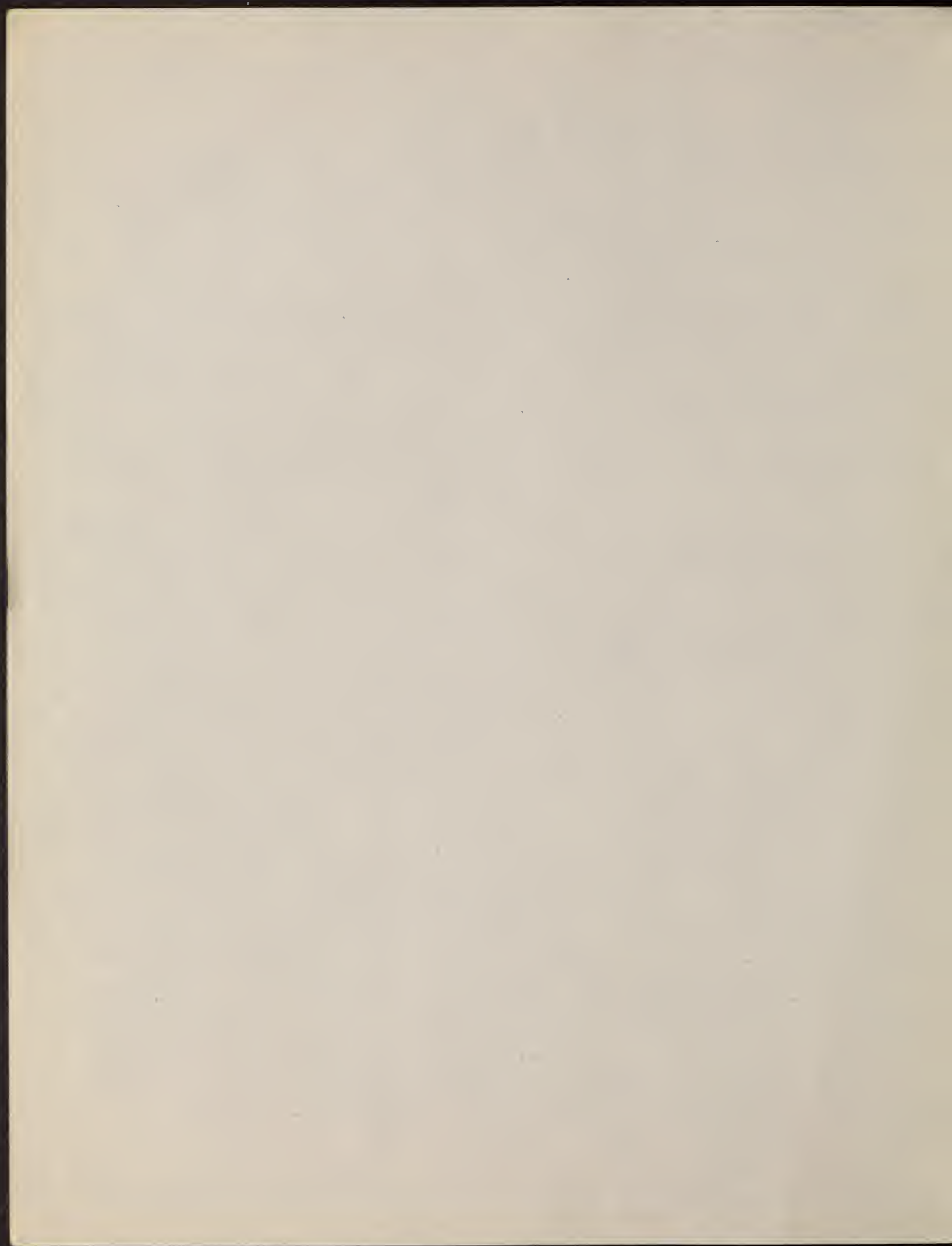
These men pushed forward, selected their location near the head waters of the St. Lawrence, and returned for their families and friends, who had remained at Sorel. The project of planting a British colony upon the ruins of the old French settlement of Cataragui, was cordially supported by the Imperial Government; the township was surveyed, the lots drawn and the entire party settled upon their farms in the neighborhood of Collins Bay before the summer of 1784.

Elsewhere has been graphically described the privations and hardships of these loyal pioneers; many of them had no experience in farming; there were among them but few mechanics; they had practically no live stock, and but few tools of any kind, and their stores were practically exhausted. To some extent they were aided by the Imperial Government, but the Commissary Department was not administered with very marked efficiency.

In spite of these adverse circumstances, the loyalists soon found their farms rapidly appreciating in value, and the majority of them left their children well to do; yet, to-day, in many cases, not only the estates, but the very names of the first settlers have disappeared. Some families, however, have shown far more virility; and the descendants of Gilbert Purdy, take them all in all, shine by contrast with many families that might be mentioned, who also trace their ancestry to the first expedition that laid the foundations of Ontario.

David Purdy, Sr., was a substantial and highly respected citizen, who at the time of his death was treasurer of the township of Kingston. After some years he was succeeded in this office by his son, David Purdy, who later became, and still is, the treasurer of the county of Frontenac. He resides at present in the city of Kingston, but the greater portion of his life has been spent in the neighborhood of Cataragui. He was for some years engaged with Johnson Day in the brick business, but he has also devoted many years to farming and gardening. He has carefully studied the nature of soils and has demonstrated, in the most practical and satisfactory manner, how large returns in cash may be realized from a small acreage under proper cultivation.

Mr. Purdy is a Liberal in politics and an earnest member of the Methodist church. His fraternal affiliations include the I. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. He is a careful and methodical business man; generous but just; and contributing in his day and generation, to the upbuilding of our common country, no less than did his grandfather more than a century ago. His precept and example will be an inspiration to his descendants in retaining the honorable distinction that has accompanied the name of Purdy, from the first hour that British civilization found a refuge and established a new home in the vast empire of Western Canada.



Obituary

Death of Mrs. Nath'l Purdy

The subject of this brief sketch was born in the Salem neighborhood, Cramahc, on what is known as the Stephen Turney farm in the year 1800. Her parent's name was Johnson. Her mother was one of the first white women in this section of country. Miss Johnson continued to reside in Cramahc until she was married to the late Nathaniel Purdy in the year 1820. There being few ministers in the country at that time, Esquires were allowed to officiate which accounts for the fact that the marriage of Miss Johnson and Mr. Purdy was solemnized by Squire Merriman, the father of the late J.M. and Titus Merriman. After their marriage the young couple resided for a short time in the township of Haldiman after which they returned to Cramahc and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Geo. Sanderson, up to the year 1855 when Mr. Purdy sold it to the late Aaron Sanderson, and bought what was known as the Conklin farm to which they removed, and Mr. Purdy having died in the course of two years thereafter, she continued to reside on the farm with her son, E.H. Purdy until her death. Mrs. Purdy was converted in the year 1819 at a service conducted by an evangelist and at which time the late Aaron Hinman and Hiram Merriman were also converted. After her conversion Mrs. Purdy joined the Baptist church and continued her membership in that church until the conversion of her husband when, with him she became a Methodist and remained such to her death when she went "to be with Christ which is far better". She was a member of the church militant for the space of seventy-two years, and went to join the church Triumphant on the twentieth of May last at the advanced age of 91 years. Her children, three sons and two daughters, grew to manhood and womanhood and all survive her but Hiram who died on April 7th, 1890. She retained her faculties remarkably well to the end, outlived all her young companions and was the last one of the old stock who bore the name of Purdy. The deceased was a faithful and affectionate wife, a kind and indulgent mother, and the love of her grandchildren for her was markedly manifest by the manner in which they ministered to her comfort and excused her, at

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times, childish actions. Mrs. Purdy's life began in the forests of Canada in the midst of hardships and privations altogether beyond the conception of the present generation and ended in the same country and neighborhood, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

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GILBERT PURDY.

THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN:

1. David Purdy, married Mary Rees; settled in Kingston. Issue:

Mary.
Grant.
Amelia.
Charles.
Wellington.
Anna.
David.
Amy Ann.
Georgina.
Isabella.
Erastus.
Rosina.

2. Gilbert Purdy, married Lucy A. Laird; settled in Collins Bay. Issue:

James.
David.
Henry.
John.
Augustus M.
Thomas H. B.
Adeline.
Hester A.

3. Daniel Purdy, married Miss Ferris.

4. Jesse Purdy, married Sarah Laird; settled in Elginburgh. Issue:

Marshall.
Elijah.
Ferdinand.
Robert.
Sydenham.
Anna.
Mary J.

5. James Purdy, married and settled in the West. Issue:

Victoria.
Malcolm.
Rhoda.

6. Harriet Purdy, married John Moore; settled at Cataraqui.

7. ----- Purdy, married Mr. Aikins; settled in Collins Bay.

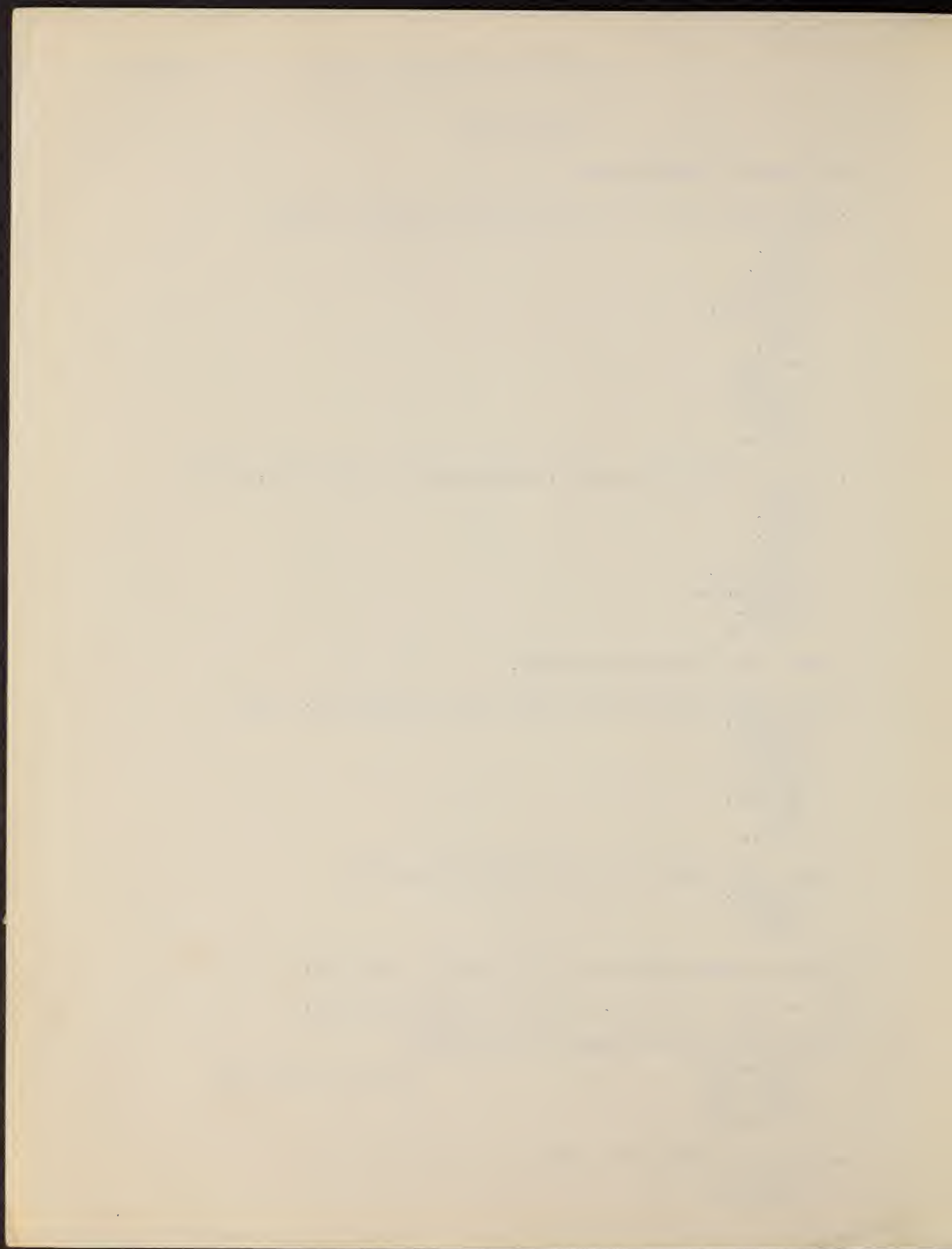
8. Hosea Purdy, married *Mary Washman 1793-1870* ----- Issue:

Barney. 1813
Hosea. 1823
Lewis. 1819
Wesley. 1829

} See Day Family

9. Macdagg (Micajah?) Purdy, married ----- Issue:

Gilbert.
Elizabeth.



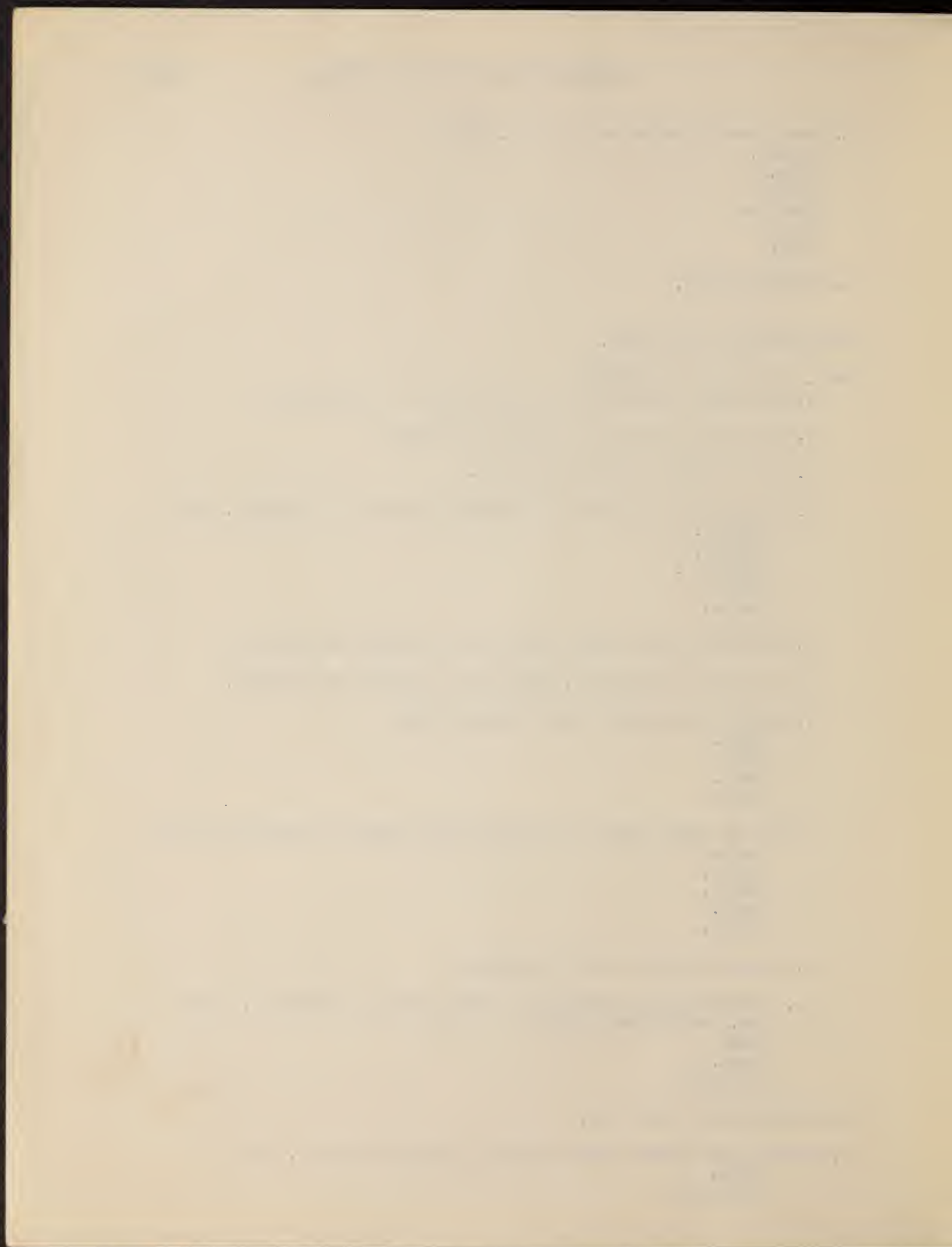
10. Samuel Purdy, married ----- . Issue:
Thomas.
John.
Albert.
Marinda.
Mary.
Lucy.

11. Charlotte Purdy.

The Grandchildren and issue:

See I. The David Purdy Branch:

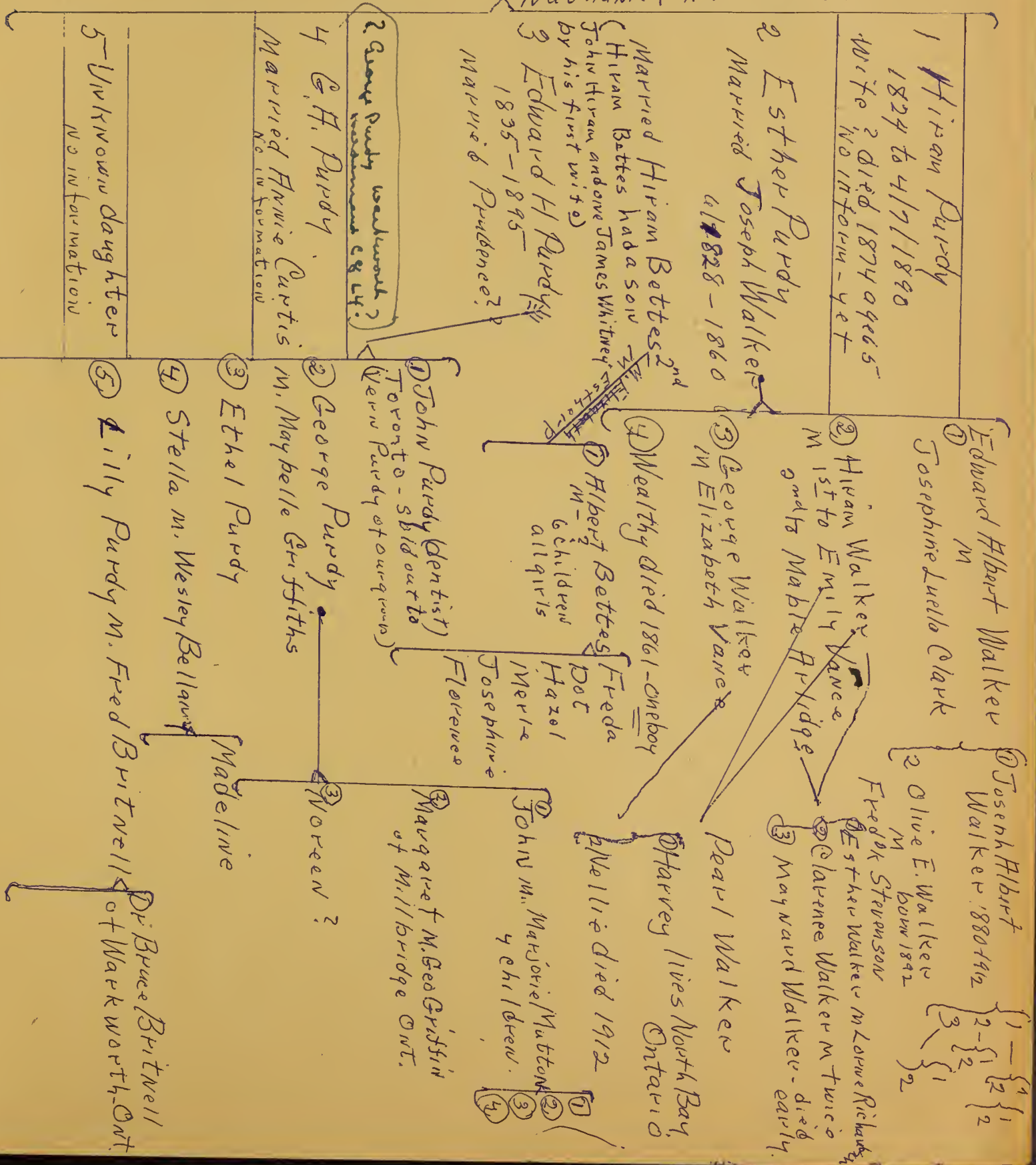
1. Mary Purdy, married Joseph Nickol; settled at Cataraqui.
2. Grant Purdy, unmarried; settled in Montana.
3. Amelia Purdy, married Johnson Day.
4. Charles Purdy, married Martha Kendall; settled at Cataraqui. Issue:
Erastus.
Charles.
Frederick.
James.
Thomas.
5. Wellington Purdy, married Amelia Rees; settled at Cataraqui.
6. Anna Purdy, married Rev. Martin Bates; settled at Cataraqui.
7. David Purdy, married Bessie Wilder. Issue:
Edith.
Mary.
Laura.
Frank.
8. Amy Ann Purdy, married Frederick Foote; settled in Cleveland. Issue:
Harry.
Thomas.
Amelia.
Frank.
Arthur.
9. Georgina Purdy, married H. Wilson.
10. Isabella Purdy, married Henry Rees; settled at Cataraqui. Issue:
Eva, married Percy Ward.
Lulu.
Harry.
Josephine.
11. Erastus Purdy, died young.
12. Rosina Purdy, married John Valentine; settled in Toronto. Issue:
John.
Florence.



Nathaniel Purdy Family

Nathaniel Purdy married Miss Wealthy Johnson
12/5/1792 to 1857 in 1820 1800 to 1891

Nathaniel had 5 children



Problem II.

U. E. L. Claims

A New Claim Lodged in England.

374. Evidence on the Claim of Gilbert Purdy, late of New Burgh, Ulster County,
New York. Montreal, 25th Feb., 1788.

David Purdy, son to G. Purdy, deceased, sworn:

G. Purdy was a native of America. In 1755 he lived in Ulster County. He joined the B. Army in 1777 at New York. He entered into the Guides & Pioneers & died on his passage to Philadelphia.

Wits. came to the B. Army at New York in 1776 & served one year in the Guides & for the remainder of the war he worked for his subsistence.

He came to Canada in 1783. He wintered at Sorel.

He now lives above Cataraqui. His father left a wife & 4 sons, 4 daughters, viz., Claimt., 2nd Gilbert in Canada, did not join the Brit. Army; 3rd Mecadia, in the States, but was in Canada last year; 4th Samuel, in the States; 5th Mercy, married to Capt. Everitt at Cataraqui; 6th Rhoda Purdy, Cataraqui; 7th Mary, in the States; 8th Charlotte, in the States.

Believes that his father made a Will but he has not got it.

300 acres in New Burgh purchased many years since. 160 acres were in cultivation. He had good houses & barns on it. Says it was worth L 4 York per acre in his opinion.

His mother lives on the farm although the Land has been confiscated but not sold. His mother has been in Canada.

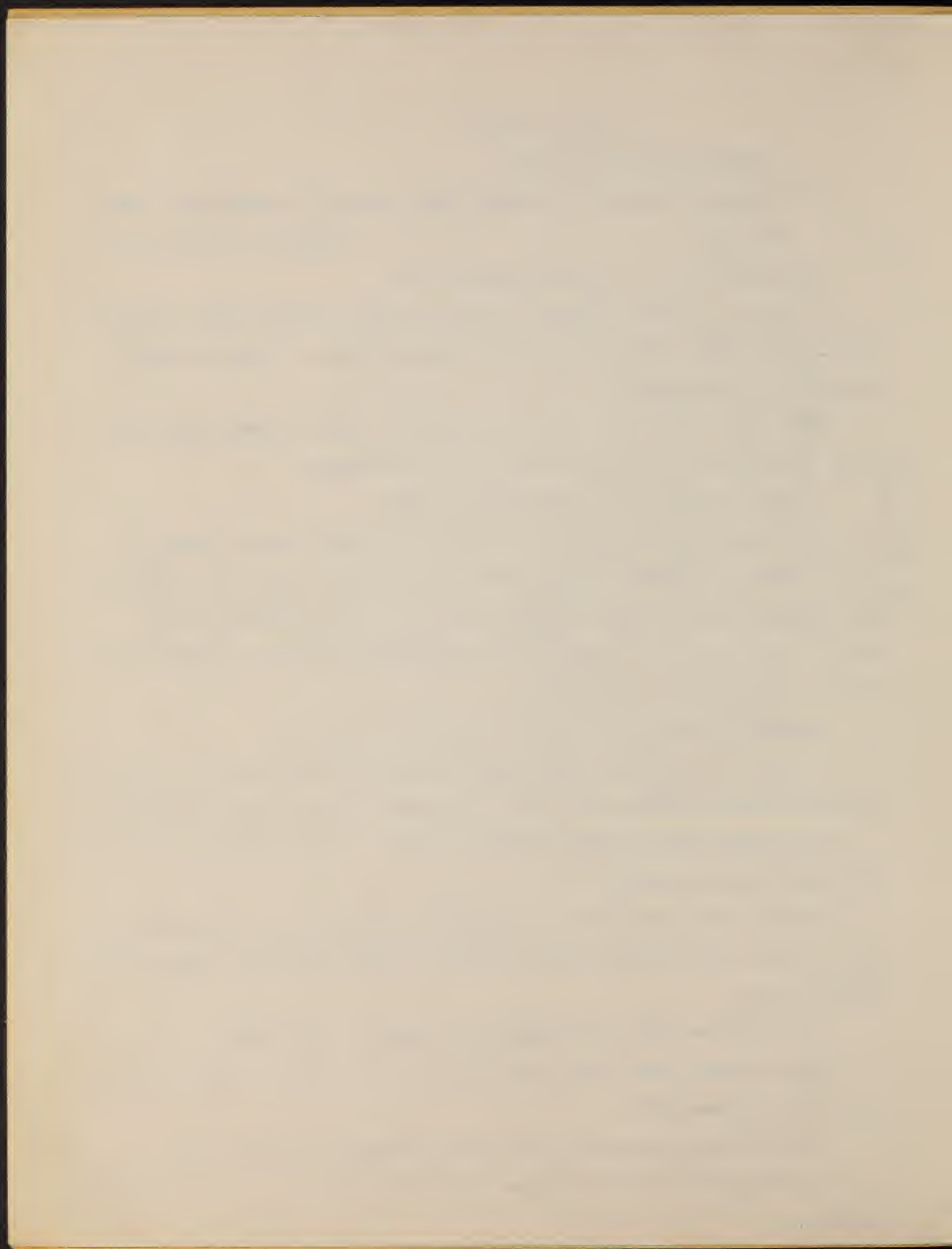
Says that his father had 3 yoke of oxen taken from his farm, 5 milch cows, some young cattle. He had 9 horses taken, 40 sheep, 10 lambs & some hogs, a large quantity of grain & hay.

A new sloop just built; she rotted on the stocks, 40 tons burthen.

Claimt. produces order from an American Committee to quit the States & to return to N. York 11th June, 1783.

And several certificates of sale of Personal property of Gilbert Purdy.

He allows that his mother is in possession of the Estate, but the Personal Estate is lost.



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Produces judgt. passed against Gilbert Purdy late of Newburgh 29th Dec., 1783.

Wits., Gilbert Purdy, sworn:

Says he is the 2nd son of G. Purdy, deceased. During the war he was in the States; he was too young to serve. Says that after the peace he came to New York & came round to Canada by sea with his br. Capt. Everitt.

He now resides with his mother in New York State.

Says his mother is in possession of his father's lands, but the lawyer McKisson has informed her that she has not title to sell this land, as it has been confiscated, and they suppose or suspect that he has a title for this land purchased under confiscation.

They left a good part of the stock. He says the rebels only left her a cow & a mare and a sloop on the stocks, 40 tons burthen.



GILBERT PURDY — PIONEER JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES

By H. Pearson Gundy

Among the first group of United Empire Loyalists to arrive in Upper Canada in 1784 were several members of the Purdy family, sons and daughters of a Gilbert Purdy of Ulster County, New York, who joined the British forces under General Howe at New York in 1777 and fell near Philadelphia.¹ His eldest son, David, who, as Sergeant in the 19th Regiment,² also served in the war, was one of the first settlers in Ernestown, where he drew Lot 42, 1st concession,³ on the west of Collins Bay, the boundary between Ernestown and Kingston townships. David Purdy married Abigail Ostrum of Sidney township and brought up a large family of which Gilbert, the subject of this article, was the eldest.⁴

According to John Collins Clark, friend and neighbour of the Purdy family, Gilbert married Aspineth Goldsmith of Hallowell (Picton) "who left him".⁵ The marriage is recorded in the Register of Stephen Conger, J. P., "Gilbert Purdy and Asenath Goldsmith, Hallowell, May 1, 1816."⁶

Few other facts about Purdy can be gleaned from printed sources.⁷ A good deal can be deduced, however, from his account book, kept intermittently from 1808 to 1837, and now in the Douglas Library, Queen's University. The book is a small octavo (6" x 7¼") of 178 pages of laid paper without watermark, now foxed and water-stained, the first leaf missing. Order and consistency were the least of Purdy's concern in keeping his accounts. He started making entries at the beginning or end of the book indifferently from 1808 to 1829; thereafter he discontinued using the back pages of the book. The last entry is for October 26, 1837, on page 72. Pages 73 to 149 are blank, except for pages 100 and 124 which are inscribed with religious sentiments. There are no business entries for 1812-16, 1825, 1828, 1830-33, 1835-36. The accounts themselves are interspersed with occasional memoranda and pious exhortations. Thus, following an entry dated September 17, 1817, "to footing a pare of boots, 15/", for his brother Samuel, he writes: "Prepare to meete your god now is

1. Loyalist claims. *Second Report of the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario*. (Toronto, 1905), 430-431.

2. "U.E. List, preserved in the Crown Lands Department at Toronto," published as an Appendix to *The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists, 1784-1884* (Toronto, 1885), 239.

3. Wm. Caniff. *History of the Settlement of Upper Canada (Ontario) with special reference to the Bay Quinte* (Toronto, 1869), 442.

4. John Collins Clark. "Reminiscences of some of the first settlers in Ernestown" March 1844. Typescript of the original in Queen's University Library. Page 2.

5. *Ibid.*

6. "Marriage Register of Stephen Conger, J.P., Hallowell." Ontario Historical Society. *Papers and Records*, Vol. I, 1899, 110.

7. See *Pioneer life on the Bay of Quinte, including genealogies of old families and biographical sketches of representative citizens* (Toronto, n.d.). This work, frequently inaccurate, fails to include Gilbert among the sons of David Purdy, but lists the descendants of another Gilbert Purdy of Kingston township, younger brother of David.

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the time, G. Purdy." In another place he expostulates: "My Dear friends. Improve time well every moment now is the time Due not For git this. G. Purdy." Again he writes "Command you may your mind from all evil." The longest of these "private ejaculations" is in the form of a prayer — perhaps a New Year's resolution:

O may i through gods grays Asisting me Make true Religion the buisness of my Life to Due what i feel moste Required of the lord god The labouring for the worth of souls to due them good Both in Sou[1]s and body To vissit the sick the poor and the needy to prepair medison and giv it tu them To visit poor children and them that are quite young and Sick and Needy To a tend to my Farm and work and to keepe my Bisness regular and in order to keepe my accounts Strate and in or Der O God assist me in this under takeing.

Gilbert Purdy

One wonders whether the chaotic disorder of the account book may have prompted this prayer, for nothing short of divine Providence could have disentangled Purdy's records!

Folded into the book are several loose leaves, including a medical prescription "To stop a hamorrhage", half a dozen separate statements of account, more religious aphorisms, and, surprisingly, two large folded sheets on which Purdy assayed his skill (with somewhat disastrous results) in religious versifying. His prosody is on a par with his spelling.

I'll right sum verses and hope they may
Pruve a blesing in sum futer day
To meditate thare on and think
How neer we run on ruens brink

This first effort runs to nine stanzas, the general theme of which is summed up in the seventh:

All things are reddy come a way
This erth has nothing worth your stay
Why woud you longer stay be low
When death are caulng and maney goe

A second variation on this theme comprises seven stanzas, in which rhyme, when it occurs, seems to have been more accidental than intentional. The opening quatrain is a fair sample:

I am like a poor wonderer her all alone
Serrouned by woods land and shades
A stranger unpitied and fare from my home
O how can i here be content.

On a separate sheet, dated August 31, 1834, Purdy attempted a loose verse rendering of the 90th Psalm in eleven stanzas.

Teach us to number al our days
That we may wisdom chuse
Her ways are ways of plesentness
Her flowry paths are pees

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Saint Peter makes an anachronistic appearance in the fourth stanza:

Let us confess before the lord
Our sins and folleys mourn
And weeping o like peeter two
Let us to god return.

Enclosed with these loose papers is a letterpress testimonial, printed on coarse blue paper (8½" x 6½") as follows:

We the subscribers do certify that we are personally acquainted with GILBERT PURDY, of the Township of Ernest Town, and believe him to be an honest sober man, upright in his dealings; and *apparently*,⁸ a Christian.

Robt. Clark, J. P.	Abraham Amey,
Matthew Clark J. P.	Thos. Dorland, J. P.
John Grass,	William Ruttan,
Moses Smith,	Joseph Allison.
Lewis Day,	
Ernest Town, 18th Feb. 1818.	

The signatories can all be identified as belonging to well-known and highly respectable Loyalist families in the district; but for what purpose they jointly testified to Purdy's character, or why he had the testimonial printed is open to conjecture. Possibly he used it to establish credit in carrying on a small merchandising business as an adjunct to a variety of other enterprises in which he was engaged. Farmer, carter, shop-keeper, cobbler, carpenter, blacksmith, and general handyman, Purdy was nothing if not resourceful. The chief interest of his account book lies in its reflection of his multiple activities.

The earliest entries in the book are for the cartage of freight for Peter Grant, Joseph Forsyth, and other Kingston merchants. Sometimes the goods are itemized, at other times they are not.

May 9 1808 Augustus Boiton — to freight of 20 bareles of potash at 12/6 pens pur barel to go to Mountreall	£12/10/0
To frait of sundry articles	10/14/3
Nov. 20, 1809 Peter Grant — To frait to alevin lb sault, 2/6 pr lb	1/ 7/6
To one case of hattes	7/6
To five in twenty lb pork price 3/	3/18/0
To four lb Rock sault	12/0
To one lb Rasones & one lb sugar	4/0
1400 hundred of iron wair	8/9
4 Stoves 3 do. bel Stoves	15/0

The destination of these latter consignments is not given, nor does there seem to be any consistency in the rates charged. If 14 cwt. of iron-ware could be transported for 8/9, why did Purdy charge 4/ for a pound of raisins and a pound of sugar, and the extraordinary sum of £1/7/6 for 11 lbs. of salt?

By 1810 Purdy had set up shop for himself, in a small way, selling mostly potash, some farm produce, drygoods, tea, tobacco, and occa-

⁸ The italics are in the original. The word may have been used in its now obsolescent sense of "manifestly."

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sionally liquor. He later stocked articles of clothing, household utensils, tools, drugs and ointments, and a miscellaneous assortment of other articles.⁹ He took special orders for items he did not keep in stock. Thus, August 20, 1823, he entered in his book: "To one order Mrs. Burnet one life of Joseph, 4/". On three occasions he sold "singing books" — possibly hymn books — and there is a curious entry (no charge) July 4, 1812: "Mr. Thomas Moffett to a boroughed Book grays a bounding to the cheef of Sinners". Whether he borrowed this copy of Bunyan from Mr. Moffett or Mr. Moffett from him is not clear. Two watches are included in the accounts, one sold to James Flood in 1809 for £5/12 and one credited to Mr. Adset's account in 1827 for £4/10.

In his supplication Purdy prayed for divine assistance "to prepair medison" for the sick, but providentially a local physician, Dr. Armstrong,¹⁰ seems to have been his actual source of supply. Thus, John Bechum's account for June 2, 1823, includes an item "to medison from doctor Armstrong in a bill to the amount of 7/6" Other charges "to medison" are less explicit, but it is doubtful whether Purdy was his own apothecary. In addition to selling ointments, castor oil and emetic powders, he frequently pulled teeth, as various entries indicate, e.g. "June 20, 1818. Mr. Truman. To drawing a tooth 1/3, ditto one in the sumer 1/3."

After 1817, shoe-making and carpentry seem to have occupied much of Purdy's time. He also bought and sold hides and lumber. For example, on March 20, 1827, he bought from Mr. Adset four deer skins (three tanned and one cured) for 18/9 and two sheep skins for 4/10. "Shuthred" cost him tenpence per ball. His usual charge for making a pair of "corse" shoes was ten shillings, and thirteen for "fine" shoes. On May 3, 1821, he gave himself a bargain, for the entry reads: "To making a pare of fine boots for myself 7/6." He repaired old shoes, and also made and mended harness. On a blank page near the end of the book he wrote out directions for making a bridle.¹¹

On one occasion, in 1824, Purdy hired a saw mill (from a Mr. Angus) for seven days @ £5/5/0. He sold "347 feet Ruff edged bords" for

9. These include buttons (plain and gilt), candles, gunpowder, handkerchiefs, lime, lead, leather, molasses, paper, silk twist, slates, and vinegar. Purdy moved his place of business at least three times. Accounts up to 1820 are headed "Ernestown"; 1820 to 1824 "Kingston", and the last entries, 1834 and 1837 "Clark" (probably Clark's Mills, now Camden East). "Whitestown" (possibly Whitehurst, near Brockville) and "Hope" (Hopetown, near Lanark ?) appear over two entries for 1811 and two for 1834 respectively, and seem to indicate places of temporary employment. Many entries have no place headings.

10. Dr. Edward W. Armstrong. Son of a Loyalist, born at Fredericksburg 1789, and grandson of Major James Rogers. Took M.D. at Dartmouth, practised in Hallowell (Picton) and later Kingston. In 1838 removed to Rochester, N.Y. where he died 1877. (See W. Caniff, *The Medical Profession in Upper Canada, 1783-1850* (Toronto, 1894), 223-224).

11. Bridle making Rules. 21 inches in lenth hed pees; 6 inches split open; 9 inches middle; 22 inches in lenth fore pees; 16 inches from outside to outside; 16 inches in lenth head stauls 1 1/2 lap; 20 inches throat latches; lenth 9 feet. Rains in lenth 3 quauters.

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7/6; 288 board feet of 4x4 scantlin" for 11/. Other entries show that he made chairs, tables, chests, wagon boxes, doors, and sash. Numerous accounts for making sash seem to indicate that this was his specialty: "May 5, 1817, Mr. Fuller to Sash one hundred and eleven lights Sash, £1/17.0"; "Feb. 15, 1834. Aron Beebee. To making sash and Setting them to forty eight lights, 18/." Other references to his work as carpenter and builder are as follows:

May 27, 1811. Gilbert Pardey begun to work for Almaziah Palmer at fixing the Milles for 6 shilinges pur day. June 25 quit work the amount of my work for four weekes \$18.¹²

Sept. 26, 1817. Credit by G. Purdy for 500 hundred brick at eleven dollars pur thousan 17/6

Jan. 14, 1823 Mr. Samuel Lockwood. To fixing a bar and bolt for the fire plase, 2/

May 26, 1823. Mr. Peter Macdonal Dr to a bill sent by my hired man of bords and plank to the amount of £3/9/10

Feb. 19, 1824. To two days work on the mill dam and teem 7/6

June 8, 1824. Mr. Angus. To one days work framing 3/6

To dores and window frames - making 15/0

Nov. 16, 1826 Samuel D. Purdy. To Shingling 3 days 3/6 10/6

Oct. 3, 1827 Danniel Pray . . . to make Faning mills at four dollars a pece to finish them of[f]

To five weeks bord £1/12/6

Judging by the amount of iron and steel that Purdy bought, he also worked as a blacksmith. There are no accounts for horseshoeing, but he seems to have made spades, hoes, marling spikes, "corking" (caulking?) irons, brush hooks, axes, iron rings and staples.

Interspersed throughout the accounts are the names, rate of pay and length of work of various hired men. The highest wages he paid were twelve dollars a month in 1817. In 1821 he engaged Thomas Whelan for one year at ten dollars, and a year later, John Moseley at nine dollars per month, "part in trade and part in cash". John Cendall (Kendall?) took part payment for his services in liquor.

On the sale of liquor Purdy made very little in the years covered by the account book. There are no more than six or eight items (including "wisky" and "syder") all told. This is the more surprising as liquor in a hard-drinking pioneer settlement was the stock in trade of most merchants. Purdy had no religious scruples about engaging in the liquor trade for at one time he apparently contemplated starting a brewing business of his own. On September 24, 1811, he made the following entry at the back of his book:

OF THE DESTILLING BYSNESS

1 of mashing rye & ingene corn to fifty-six pound of ingene meelee

add 15 galones of hott wauter to twenty 28 (sic) poundes of ry meale

add 10 1/2 galons of hott wauter to the laste mash

To clense the liquor when doubling of Take char coal and pound it up fine and sift in then add mashes before Doubling off

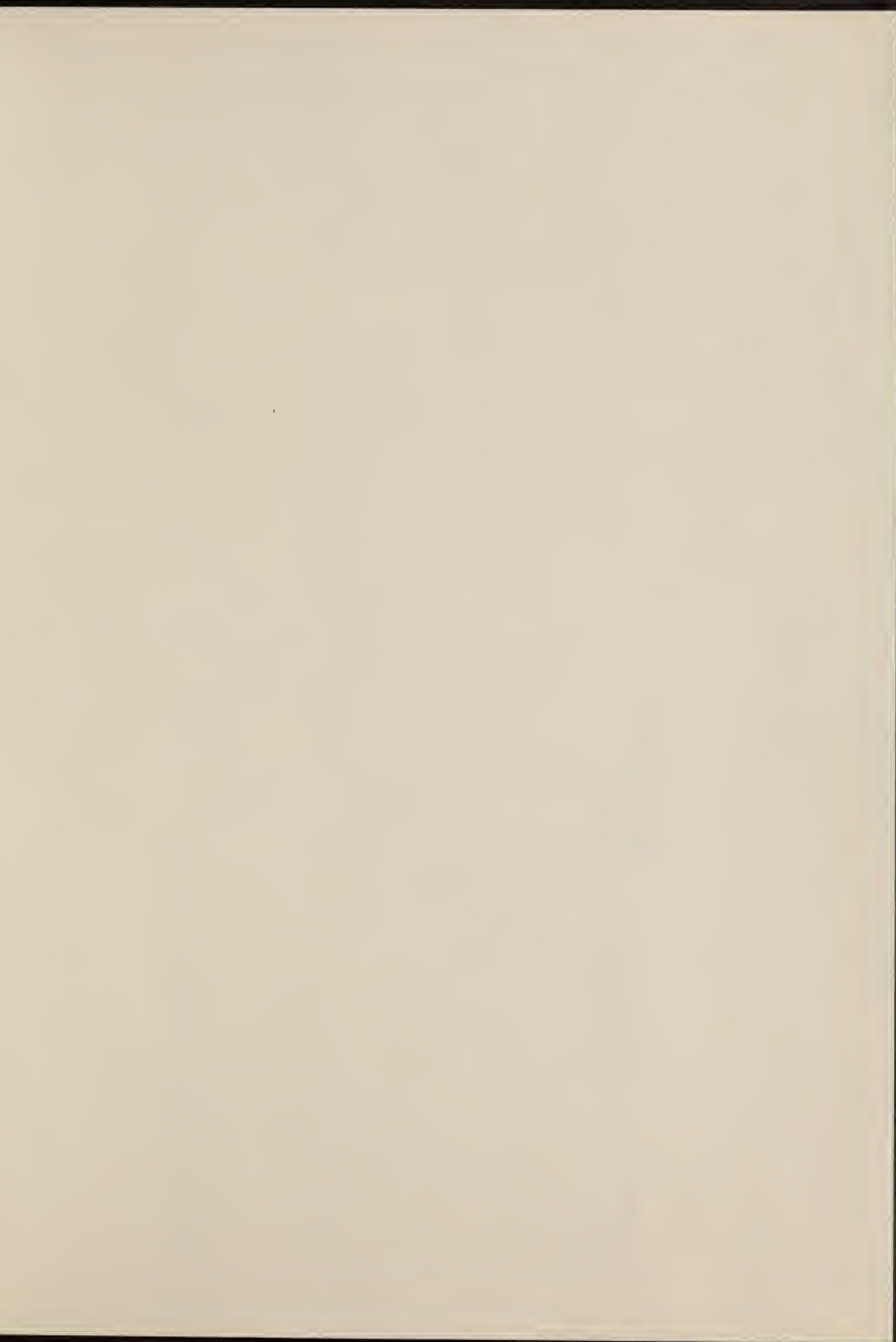
12. At the foot of the preceding page Purdy practised making the dollar sign (\$) twenty times.

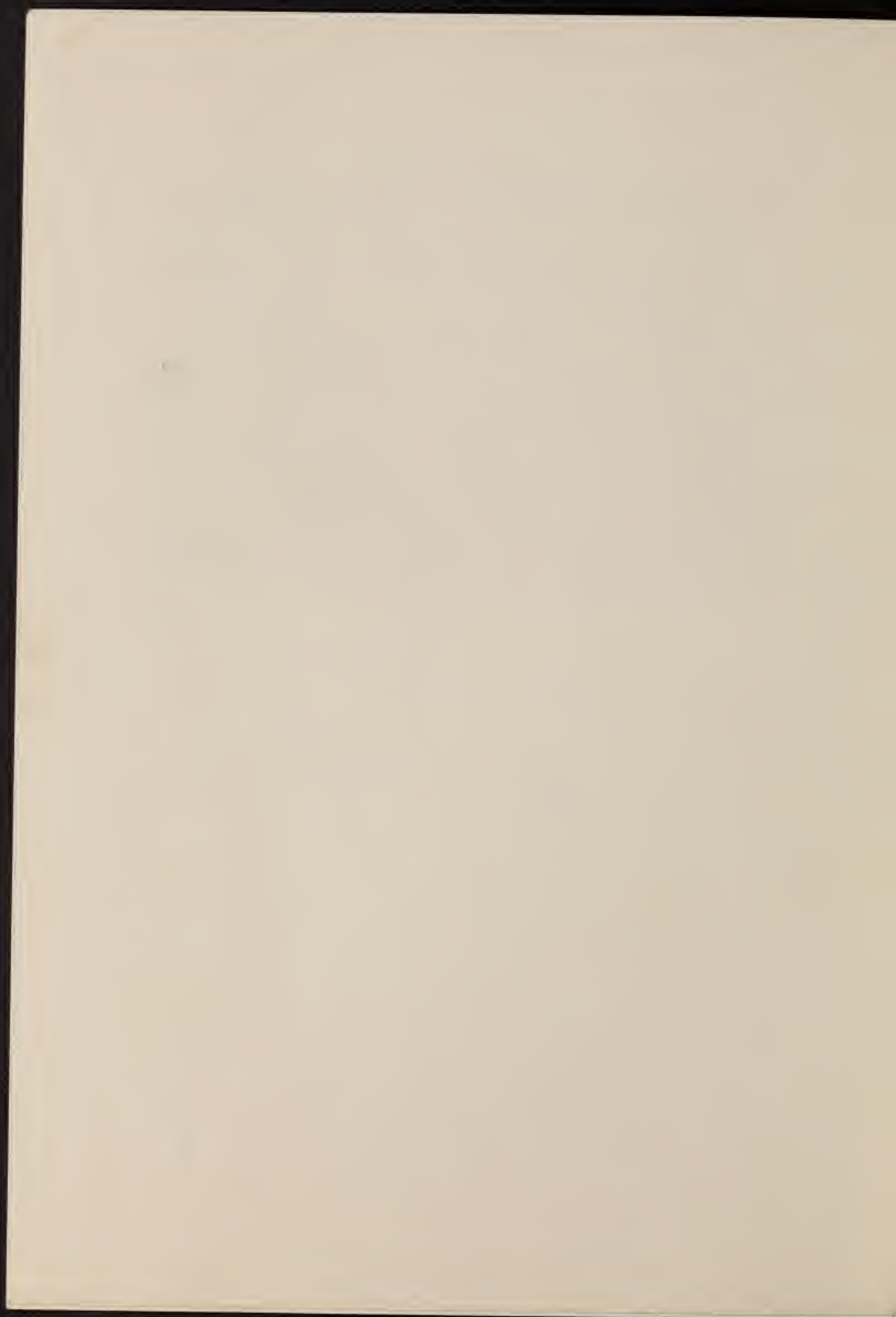
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These directions are scarcely a model of clarity or scientific accuracy. Perhaps Purdy himself had difficulty with his brew, for on October 31 he wrote down a new "correct" formula:

To mash corn and ry to 61 pound of corn meal and 31 of rye meal take 11 pales of hot wauter and one of cold and rase it to 168 Degrees by the thermometar and that is correct.

Least systematic of men, Gilbert Purdy kept a very untidy account book. Through its curious pages, however, we can trace the man and speculate on his multifarious activities. To his neighbours he must have been a friend in need. He could supply food, drink, and clothing, make and mend their shoes, help build and furnish their houses. He could market their farm produce or exchange it for farm implements made in his own forge. He could do carting, help in the harvest, repair mill dams or mill lumber. He had a ready supply of drugs and ointments and knew how to stop haemorrhages and draw teeth. For the sick, poor and needy he had a special care, and though his religion led him to consider this world a vale of tears, as a would-be poet he seems to have derived a grim pleasure in contemplating how near we run on ruin's brink.





Records of 1844.

Mr. David Purdy located in the last lot, No. 42, (Township of Ernesttown). He married Miss Abigail Ostrum, whose connections settled in the Township of Sidney. They had a large family, most of whom are still living, and two of their youngest sons, Samuel & Joseph, now reside on the old farm. The old man is dead, but his widow still survives. Their oldest son, Gilbert married Miss Asenath Goldsmith, of Hallowell Township. Ruliff, another son married a Widow Gilbert, whose maiden name was Clapp of Fredericksburgh. They lived and died in the Township of Sidney, where he became a wealthy and prominent man. David was accidentally shot and killed when a boy by his cousin, John Everitt.

Samuel married Eliza and Joseph, Minerva, dau. of Samuel Lockwood.

John and Jacob married daughters of Mr. Fretts, Fredericksburgh.

Elizabeth married a Mr. Woodward. He died and she married again.

Mary married an Abbott. He died and she married an Ellerbeck.

Old Mrs. Purdy has, from her youth, at times been subject to aberrations of mind, and some of the children have been deranged.

David Purdy's brothers, Micajah, Gilbert and Samuel settled in the Township of Kingston. They had large families.

Samuel removed to some distant place.

Gilbert is still living, he was twice married.

Micajah who died lately was married five times and was the father of 23 children, nine of whom and his last wife are still living. His first two wives were sisters by the name of Sands, of Newburgh, N.Y. The third was Miss Ann Detlor, of Fredericksburgh; the fourth a Miss Embury, a niece of the third; and the fifth a Miss Mehetabel Holmes, of Newburgh, N.Y.



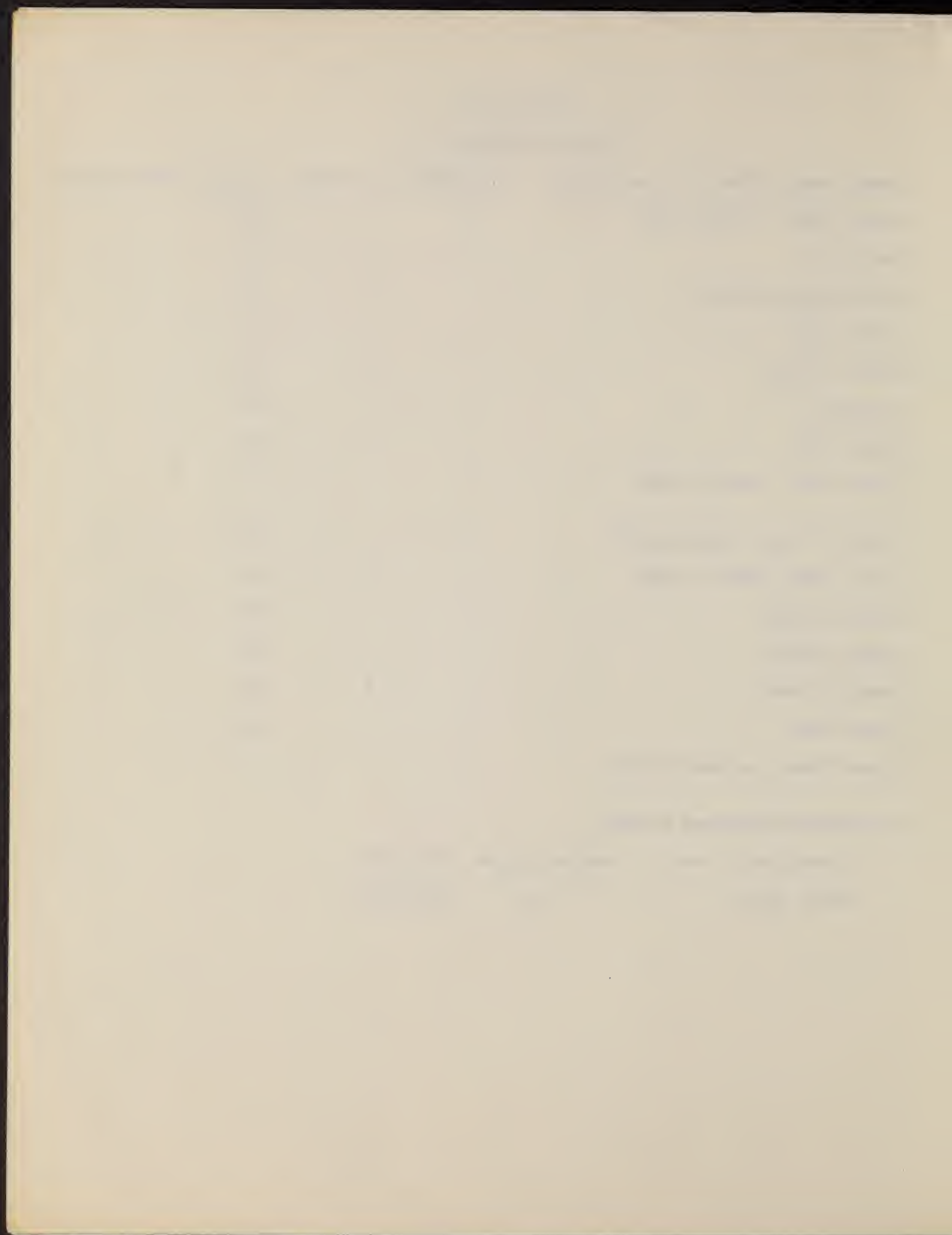
Census of 1851

Ernesttown Township

Joseph Purdy (farmer) bp. Mar 15, 1808	b. Can West	West Meth.	47 years next birthday.			
Unis M. Purdy b.1812 d.1876	"	" "	40	"	"	"
Sarah Purdy	"	" "	20	"	"	"
David Purdy (labourer)	"	" "	18	"	"	"
Jacob Purdy	"	" "	16	"	"	"
Elisa J. Purdy	"	" "	13	"	"	"
John Purdy	"	" "	13	"	"	"
Samuel Purdy	"	" "	10	"	"	"
Joseph Purdy b.Aug 10, 1844	"	" "	8	"	"	"
Samuel D. Purdy (farmer) b.1798	"	" "	53	"	"	"
Elis F. Purdy b.1807 m.1822	"	" "	44	"	"	"
Sarah J. Purdy	"	" "	22	"	"	"
Elisa A. Purdy	"	" "	20	"	"	"
Samuel H. Purdy	"	" "	18	"	"	"
Ralph Purdy	"	" "	16	"	"	"
Charles Purdy b. June 1, 1846	"	" "	6	"	"	"

Land Record, Ernesttown Township

Joseph Purdy	conc. 1	lots pt 41 & 42	220 acres
Samuel Purdy	" "	" " 42	240 acres.



Census of 1851 -1-

Kingston Township

David Purdy (son Gilbert, U.E.) wheelwright	b. Can West	Methodist	43 yrs next birthday.			
Mary Purdy (Rees)	"	"	35	"	"	"
P.G. Purdy (male)	"	"	14	"	"	"
Mary Cornelia Purdy	"	"	12	"	"	"
Charles Purdy	"	"	10	"	"	"
Wellington Purdy	"	"	8	"	"	"
Ann Purdy	"	"	6	"	"	"
David Purdy	"	"	4	"	"	"
Amey Ann Purdy	"	"	3	"	"	"
Infant	"	"	1	"	"	"
Emeline Purdy	"	"	7	"	"	"
Joseph W. Purdy	"	"	3	"	"	"
Mercy Purdy (servant)	"	West Methodist	16	"	"	"
Samuel Purdy (farmer)	U.S.	"	57	"	"	"
Pamela Purdy	Can West	"	53	"	"	"
Mary Purdy	"	"	22	"	"	"
John Purdy	"	"	18	"	"	"
William Purdy	"	"	10	"	"	"
Valentine Purdy (farmer)	"	"	38	"	"	"
Harriet Purdy	"	"	27	"	"	"
Albert Purdy	"	"	7	"	"	"
Catherine Ann	"	"	5	"	"	"
Mary Purdy	"	"	2	"	"	"
Mster Jane Purdy	U.S.	"	70	"	"	"
Edward Woodhouse (servant)	Eng.	Ch. of Eng.	16	"	"	"



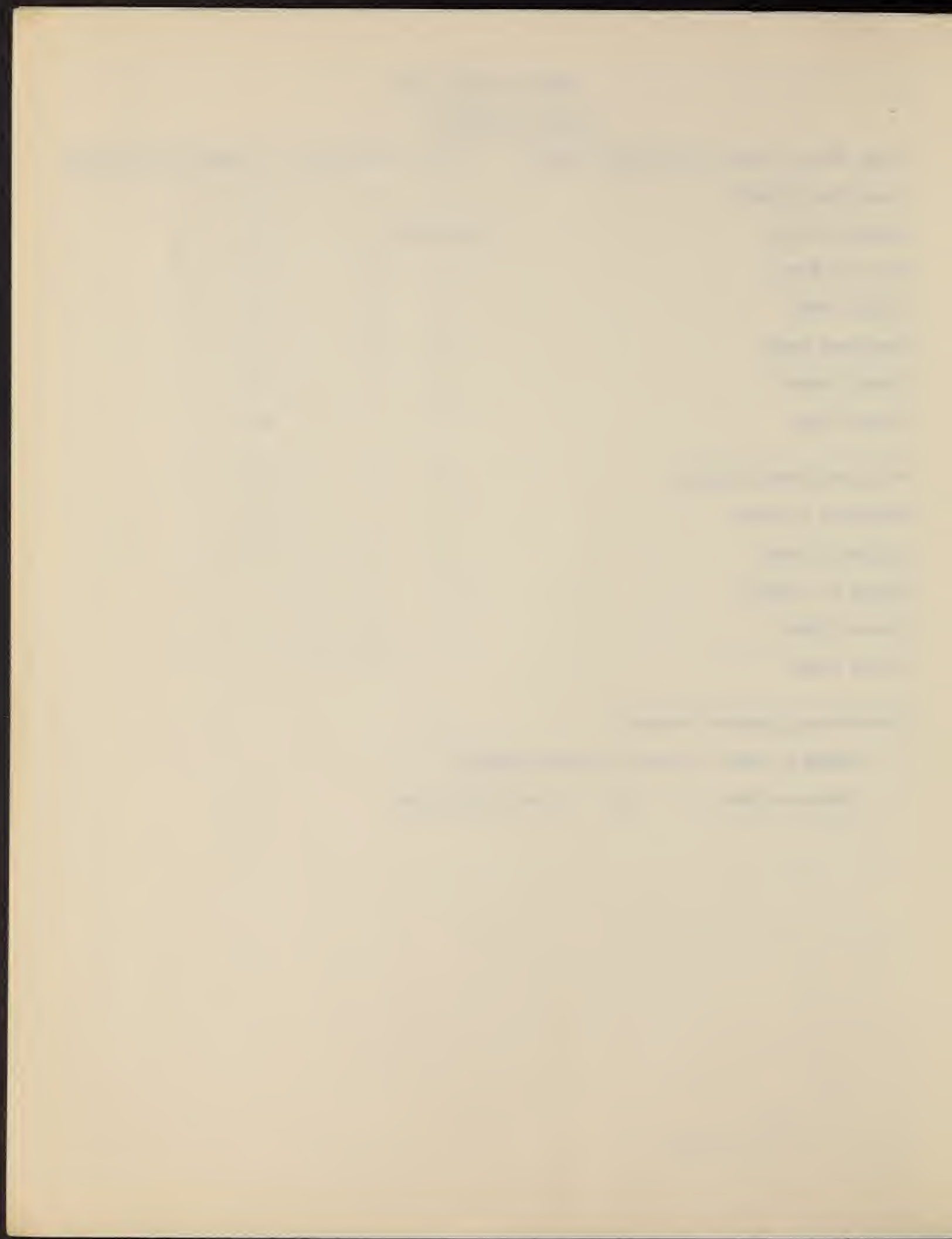
Census of 1851 -2-

Kingston Township

Jesse Purdy (farmer) (son Gilbert, U.E.)	b. U.S.	West Meth.	57	years	next	birthday.
Sarah Purdy (Laird)	"	"	50	"	"	"
Marshall Purdy	b. Can West	"	24	"	"	"
Mary Ann Purdy	"	"	20	"	"	"
Elijah Purdy	"	"	19	"	"	"
Ferdinand Purdy	"	"	17	"	"	"
Robert Purdy*	"	"	16	"	"	"
Sidney Purdy	"	"	10	"	"	"
Philip E. Purdy (yeoman)	"	"	31	"	"	"
Charlotte E. Purdy	"	"	34	"	"	"
William W. Purdy	"	"	12	"	"	"
Hester J.H. Purdy	"	"	9	"	"	"
Ryerson Purdy	"	"	6	"	"	"
Aylmer Purdy	"	"	3	"	"	"

Land Record, Kingston Township

Philip E. Purdy conc. 2, lot 20, 99acres
Valentine Purdy " 3, " 17 & 18, 259 acres.



Parish Register, St. John's Church, Bath

Purdy, David and Abigail

Children:	Micajan, Ernesttown	baptized	Feb 10, 1794
	Betsey	"	Feb 16, 1795
	Mary	"	Feb 20, 1803
	John	"	June 12, 1803
	Joseph	"	March 15, 1808
	Jacob	"	March 19, 1812



644. Case of Gabriel Purdy, late of New York. St. Johns, Nov. 2, 1786.

Sent his Claim to Col. D. Lived on Philips' Manor. Joined the Brit. at the time of the Battle of White Plains. Served with Col. -----, then with Major Holland, in the Guides & Pioneers, afterwards in Col. Delancey's Regt. as Sergt. Served till end of the War. Now settled in Cobblegate Mount.

Was possessed of the Improvmts. on a Leasehold farm in Philips Manor. His Father was possessed of the Farm & gave it Claimt. His Father sd. he would have his name taken off the Book. Claimt's name put on. His Father told him the Col. sd. he would do it. Claimt. was in possession of it. The lot contained 140 acres. Vals. Improvmts. at L 300 Exclusive of the Cols. fine.

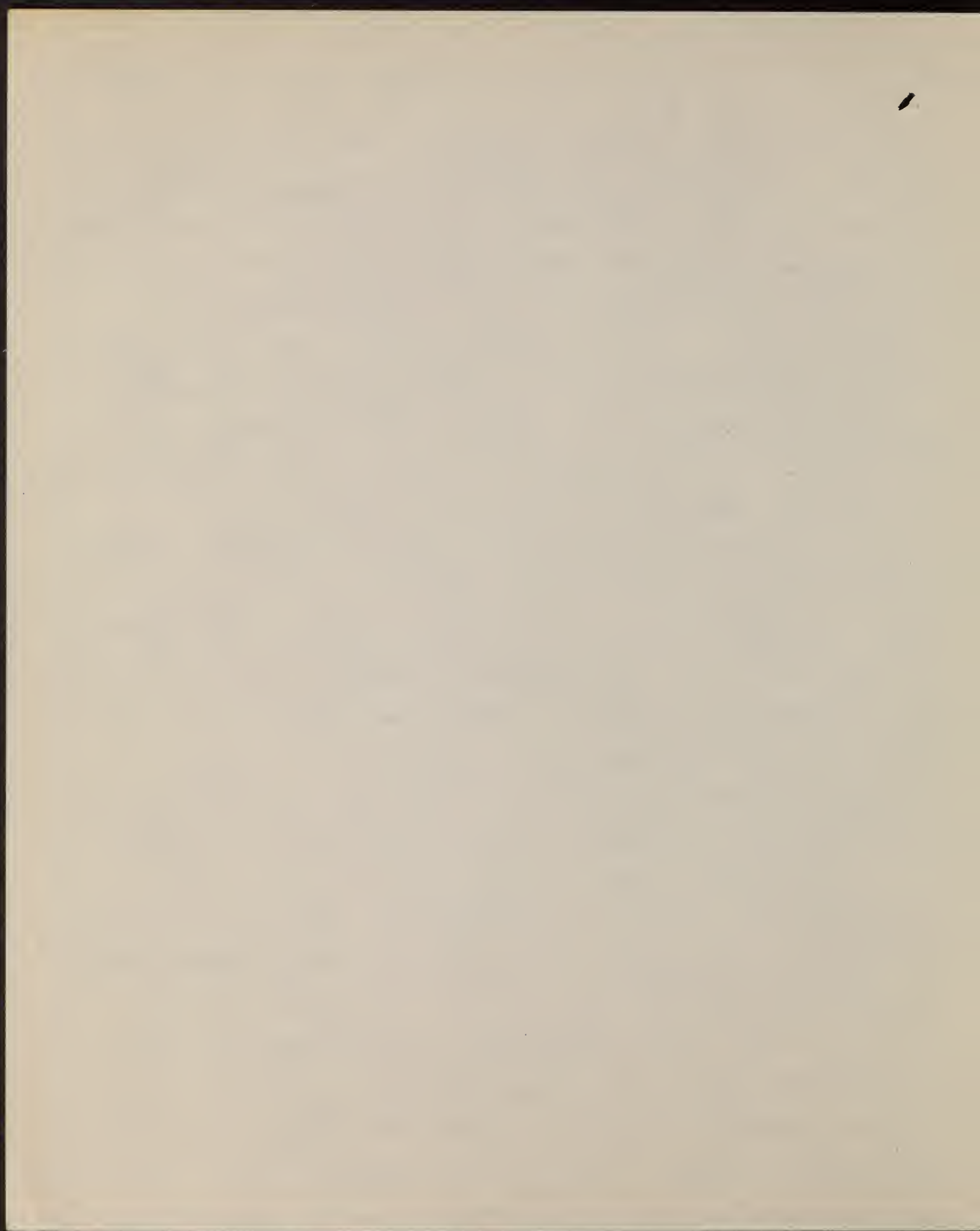
Left various articles on his farm when he joined the Brit. Thinks the Hessians took them almost all.

Says his Grandfather left by ye Mother's side 160 acres of Land on the White Plains to be divided in different shares. Vals. his interest at L 75. His Grandfather was a Loyalist, but remained on his Place during the War.

Henry Purdy, Wits.:

Claimt. served great part of the war. He joined the Brit. early. Knew the farm in Philips' Manorx which belonged to Claimant's Father. His Father told Wit. he had given it to Claimt. Witness & Claimt. are Brothers. Wits. knows his Father intended he should have it, but is dubious whether ye Conveyance was made by the Col. His Bror. was in possession of it & raised grain. His Father is living.

Witness has heard that his eldest Bror. has purchased it, & is now in Possession. Thinks he had purchased the whole fm. The name of Claimt. shd. have been substituted for his Father in Philips' Books. Thinks if it was not done it was o



J.C. Clark Diary -1-

1833

1. July 6 Two days meeting began at Samuel D. Purdy's.

1836

2. July 17 Miss Martha Purdy eloped at night with a young man, a stranger in the place, but was recovered on Monday p.m.

1838

3. May 14 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a son.
4. July 29 Mr. Micajah Purdy's daughter killed by the kick of a horse.
5. Aug 26 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined this morning and lost her child.

1839

6. May 16 Old Mrs. David Purdy died, aged 83 yrs., 7 mos., 6 days (b.Oct.10,1755)
7. July 13 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined of a daughter.

1840

8. Mar 17 Mrs. Samuel Purdy lost a female infant at night.
9. Mar 26 Jacob Purdy and Miss Fretts married.
10. June 11 James Purdy and Miss Sarah Ann Mosure married.

1841

11. Feb 23 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a daughter.

1842

12. June 30 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a daughter at evening.
13. July 15 Mr. Samuel D. Purdy's youngest child died this morning.

1844

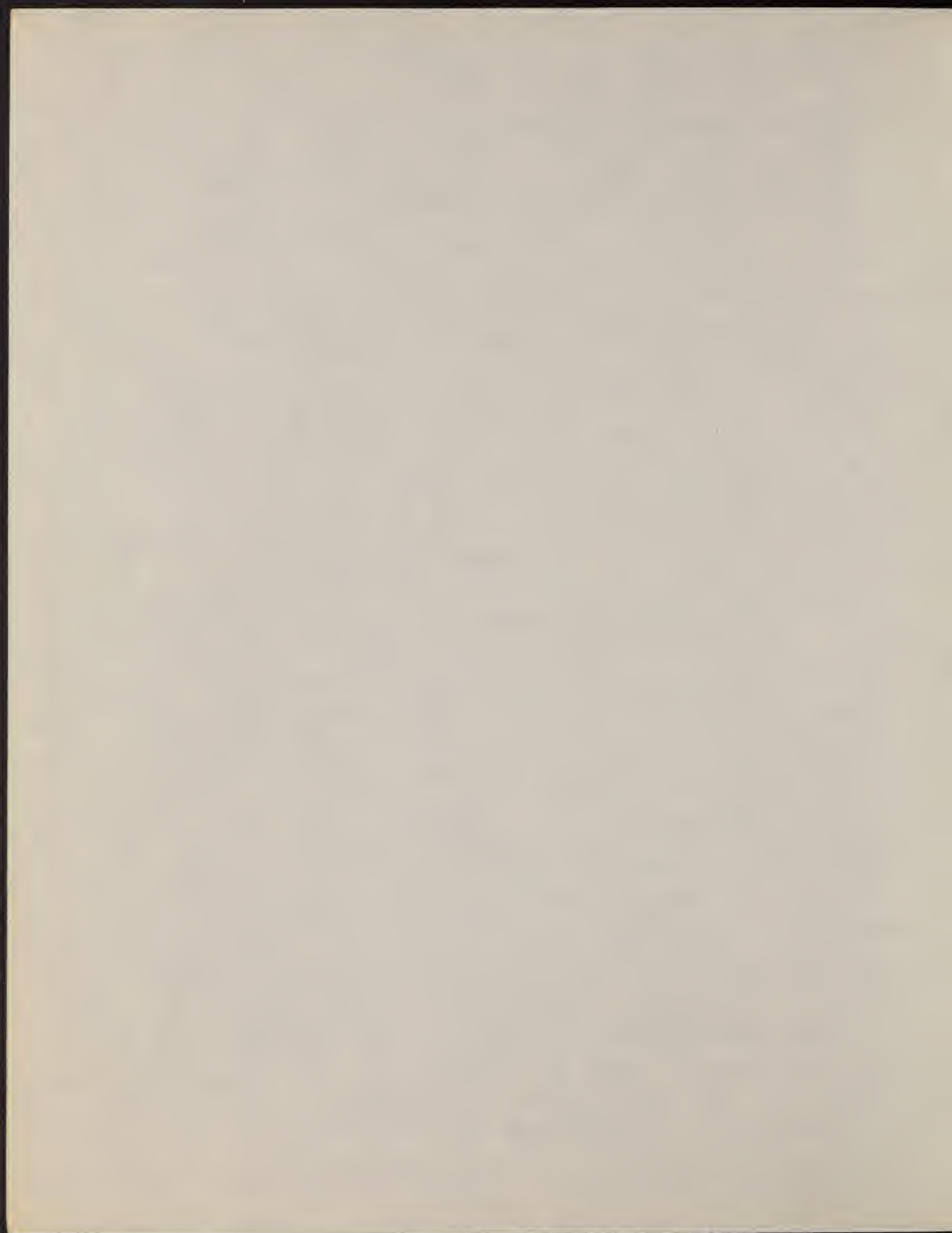
14. Jan 26 Old Mr. Micajah Purdy of the Township of Kingston died this morning, aged 78 yrs (b.1765)
15. Aug 10 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined of a son in the morning.
16. Oct 19 Mr. J. Purdy lost a skiff in a storm.
17. Nov 5 Mr. Joseph Purdy, being insane, mutilated himself in p.m.
18. Nov 6 Mr. Joseph Purdy is not expected to live long.
19. Dec 19 Went to Esquire Clark's as a witness. S.Purdy vs I.Sterling.

1846

20. June 1 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a son at night.
21. Aug 26 Sarah Jane Purdy here.

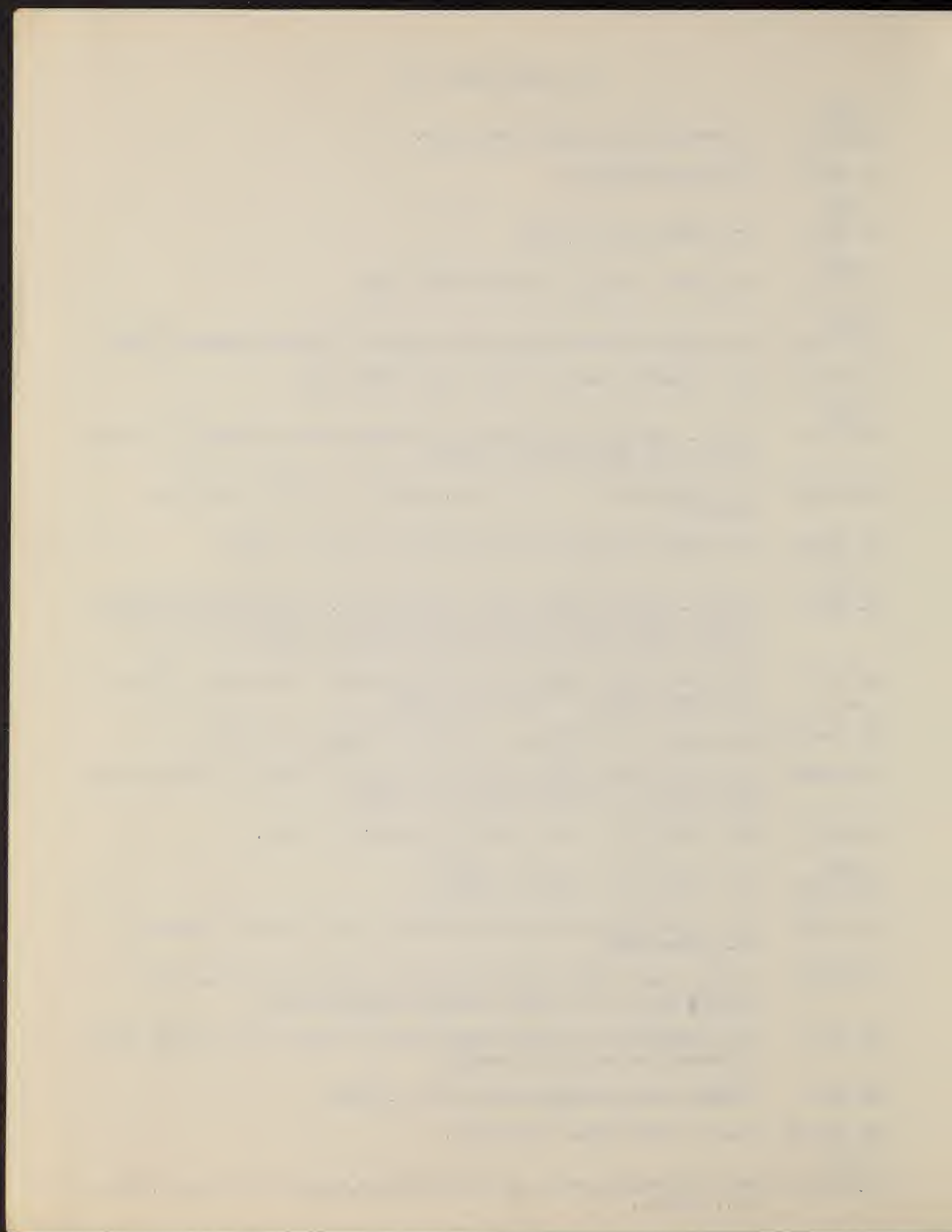
1847

22. Jan 12 School Trustee S.D. Purdy, Esq., No.3 J.Purdy No.1
23. Jan 18 Old Mr. Purdy, on the Wilcox farm, near Bath, died.



J.C. Clark Diary -2-

- 1847
24. Mar 22 S. Purdy, Esq. and wife here in p.m.
25. May 17 Two Miss Purdys here.
- 1848
26. Mar 9 S.D. Purdy and wife here.
- 1849
27. Nov 18 Protracted meeting at Purdy's School House.
- 1850
28. Mar 26 Mr. Hazzart Wilcox Purdy and Miss Caroline Elizabeth Bristol married.
29. Mar 29 Mrs. Burnside, daughter of Mr. Jesse Purdy, died.
- 1851
30. Jan 5 Old Mr. Gilbert Purdy, Township of Kingston, died at evening of cancer in the face, aged 88 yrs. (b.1763)
31. July 17 Mr. Joseph Purdy Jr., son of S.D. Purdy Esq. and Miss ---- German married.
32. Nov 14 Miss Sarah Jane Purdy 21 yrs old today. (b.Nov 14, 1829)
- 1852
33. Jan 4 Old Mrs. Abigail Purdy, widow of the late Mr. David Purdy, died sudden at noon, aged 90 yrs., 2 mos., and 19 days. She had been deranged in mind by times for more than 60 years. (b.Oct.16,1761)
34. Jan 7 Miss Hannah Mary, youngest daughter of Samuel D. Purdy Esq., died at noon, aged 13 yrs., 8 mos. (b.May 1838)
35. June 20 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy Esq., confined of a still born child.
36. June 30 Mr. Samuel Purdy, son of the late Mr. Gilbert Purdy Sr., cut his throat with a razor, but is not dead; he is insane.
37. Aug 3 Mrs. Joseph Purdy Jr., confined of a daughter in a.m.
- 1853
38. Jan 12 S.D. Purdy Esq., elected trustee.
39. Jan 29 The stone School House near Mr. Purdy's sold by auction. Forbid by Mr. Joseph Purdy.
40. Feb 16 I went to Mr. Purdy's School House as a witness in the case of Mr. Garbutt vs Mr. S.D. Purdy, a society case (deferred).
41. Mar 6 Mr. Hiram McGiven and Miss Sarah Lucinda, daughter of Mr. Joseph Purdy of Ernesttown, married at evening.
42. Apr 7 Illegal school meeting called by Mr. S. Purdy.
43. June 14 Mr. S.D. Purdy Esq., Road Master.
- 1854
44. June 26 Rev. John Wesley German and Miss Sarah Jane, daughter of Samuel D. Purdy Esq., married.



J.C. Clark Diary -3-

1854

45. Jul 29 Mr. Gilbert D. Purdy's birthday, being 67 yrs. old (b.1783)
46. Sept 28 Mr. Gilbert D. Purdy here.
47. Oct 27 I wrote and witnessed the execution of a deed of land from S.D. Purdy to W. Lount, Toronto.
48. Nov 5 I went to Mr. Joseph Purdy's at evening and lanced a swelling on Jacob Purdy (his son).

1855

49. Dec 26 Mr. Jacob Purdy, of Clark, formerly of Ernesttown, a widower with seven children and Miss Hannah Fraser, daughter of Mr. Daniel Fraser of York Road, married.

1856

50. Jan 1 John Purdy Esq., of Sidney, being at his brother Joseph's cut his throat with a pocket knife; he bled profusely, but the blood was staunched and a doctor got from Kingston. He is insane.
51. Jan 9 Annual School meeting. S.D. Purdy Esq. finishes term.
52. Feb 18 Samuel D. Purdy Esq., started for Sidney with his brother, John Purdy, and wife, who have been down at his brother's more than six weeks.
53. May 20 Ruliff Purdy Esq., of Sidney, a native of Ernesttown, being the son of the late Mr. David Purdy, and brother of Samuel D. Purdy Esq., and Mr. Joseph Purdy, etc., died this morning.
54. Aug 13 Two Miss Fairfields, Miss Eliza Purdy and Miss Rachel Switzer here in p.m.

1857

55. Jul 11 Mr. Garbutt had a saddle sold to pay a school tax for the pretended Union Section by David Purdy, by order of Samuel D. Purdy Esq., and Joseph Purdy, Trustees.
56. Sept 8 Mrs. Joseph Purdy and Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy here for a visit.
57. Dec 31 Mr. Henry Day of the Township of Kingston and Miss Eliza Ann, daughter of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., of Ernesttown, married by the Rev. John Wesley German.

1858

58. Apr 8 The wife of the Rev. John Wesley German (Eliza Jane Purdy) confined of a daughter at Wilton.
59. Apr 28 Mr. James Purdy and Miss Lenora Ashley, daughter of John Ashley Esq., of the Township of Kingston, married.
60. May 4 Misses Jane Fairfield and Eliza Jane Purdy here.
61. Oct 4 Mr. David J. Rankin of Collins Bay and Miss Eliza Jane Purdy, supposed to be married today instead of 4th of April.
62. Oct 28 Mr. David Purdy, son of Mr. Joseph Purdy, of Ernesttown, and Miss Rachel Ann Switzer married by the Rev. J. Law.

J.C. Clark Diary -4-

1858

63. Nov 1 The widow of the late Capt. Elijah Beech died. She was a daughter of the late Micajah Purdy Sr. (in different ink -- Rhoda. 31st Oct., aged 65 years nearly).

1859

64. Jan 18 The dwelling house, woodshed, etc., of Hazard Purdy Esq., near Bath was entirely consumed by fire at evening.
Mrs. David Rankin confined of a daughter at her father's (Mr. J. Purdy)
65. Jan 29 I wrote a deed and memorial for Mr. Joseph Purdy to his son David.
66. Feb 1 Mr. David Purdy and wife here in p.m. for a visit.
67. Mar 9 Jeremiah Purdy, of Ernesttown, died of a complaint of the lungs.
68. May 12 Mr. Samuel Purdy, near Waterloo, a son of the late Mr. Gilbert Purdy Sr., died.
69. Aug 8 Mrs. David Purdy (Rachel Switzer) confined of a son at night.
70. Aug 22 Mrs. S. Purdy was here over night attending Matthew's little boy who is very sick.
71. Aug 25 Mrs. S.D. Purdy here in P.m.
72. Dec 21 Mr. Gilbert J. Purdy and Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, both of the Township of Kingston, married by the Rev. Wm. Burns.

1859

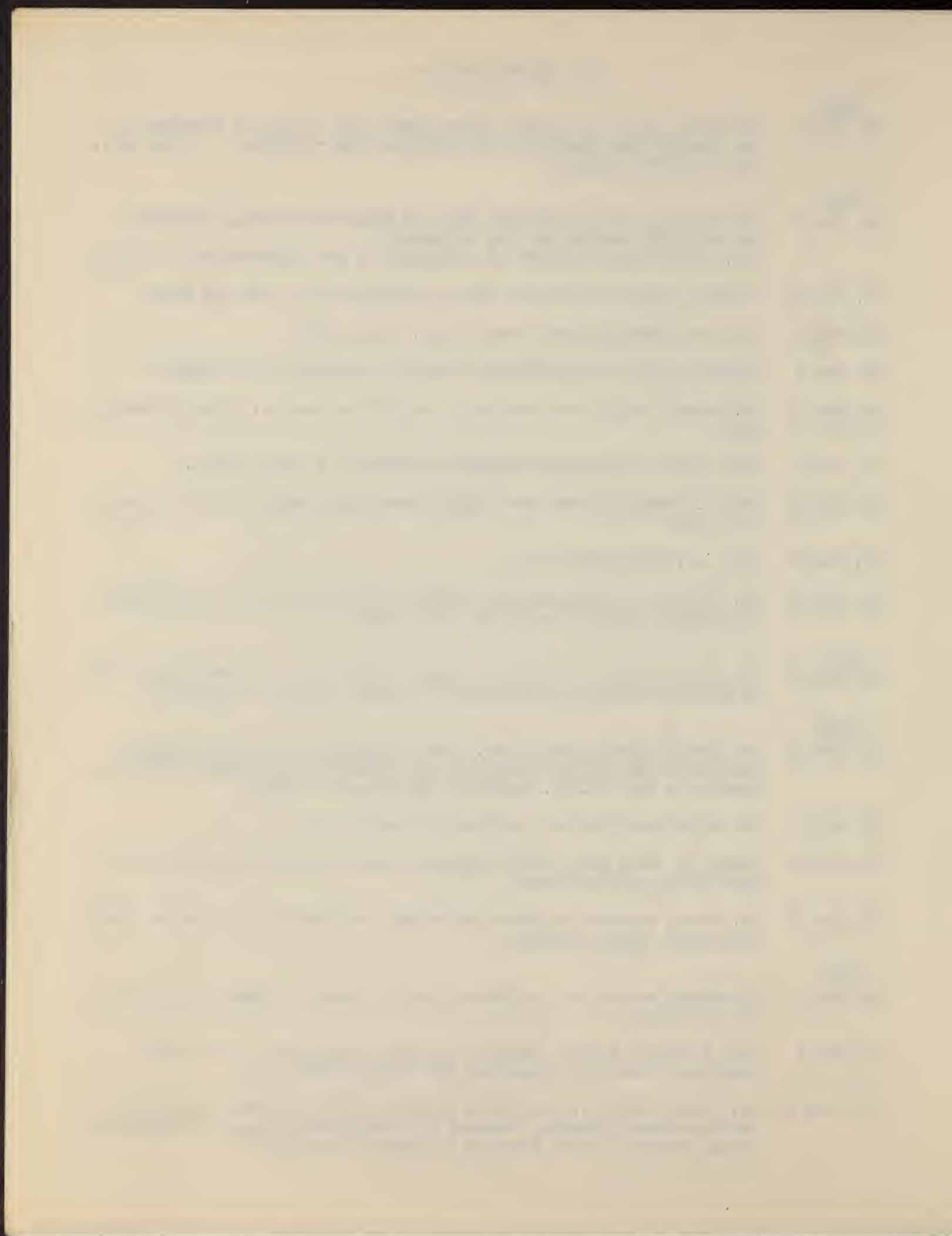
73. Dec 28 Mr. James Freeman, and Miss W. Purdy, daughter of John Purdy, Esq., both of Brighton, married by the Rev. W.S. Scott, Wesleyan Methodist.

1860

74. Apr 18 Mr. Sheldin Hawley, son of Mr. James Hawley, and Miss Hester Purdy, daughter of Mr. Gilbert Purdy, of the Township of Kingston, Bath Road, married by the Rev. Mr. Sanderson, Episcopal Methodist.
75. May 1 Mr. Ralph Purdy raised a barn on his father's farm.
76. Aug 18 Samuel D. Purdy Esq., had a valuable horse destroyed last night by the cars on the railroad track.
77. Dec 25 Mr. Samuel Randolph and Miss Ann Wright, both residing at Messrs. Purdy, Ernesttown, Front, married.

1861

78. Mar 1 Missionary meeting at our School House at evening. Samuel D. Purdy Esq., in the chair.
79. May 3 Mrs. Mehetabel Holmes, widow of the late Micajah Purdy Sr., died at Waterloo, Township of Kingston; she was his fifth wife.
80. June 18 Mr. Jacob Purdy Jr., son of Mr. Joseph D. Purdy, of Ernesttown, Front, and Miss Nancy McDonald, daughter of James McDonald Esq., of Fredericksburgh, formerly of the Township of Kingston, married.



J.C. Clark Diary -5-

1861

81. Oct 24 Mr. Ralph Purdy, son of Samuel D. Purdy Esq., and Miss Sylvia Maria Haines, daughter of Mr. Thomas Haines, all of Ernesttown, married by the Rev. George Young.
82. Dec 24 Mrs. Joseph D. Purdy and Mrs. David Purdy (Rachel Switzer) here for a visit.

1862

83. Mar 24 Mr. Joseph Purdy, of Portland, lost one of his infant twin children, called Alfred.
84. July 13 Mr. Joseph Purdy's surviving twin child, Albert died (See 24th of March when Alfred died (Mr. J. Purdy of Portland)).
85. July 29 Messrs. Joseph and Ralph Purdy here.
86. Aug 28 Mr. Joseph D. Purdy had a horse killed and another badly injured last night on the railroad by the cars.
87. Sept 17 Mr. Thomas Purdy, of the Township of Kingston, and Miss Daley, daughter of the late Mr. David Daley, married.
88. Oct 24 Mrs. Ralph Purdy, of the Front of Ernesttown, confined of a daughter.
89. Oct 29 Mr. Samuel H. Purdy, son of Samuel D. Purdy Esq., of Ernesttown, and Miss Rhoda Ann, daughter of Calvin H. Day Esq., of the Township of Kingston, married by the Rev. John Wesley German.

1863

90. Jan 8 Mr. John Purdy, of Murray, and brother of Samuel D. Purdy Esq., of Ernesttown, committed suicide by hanging himself.
91. Jul 29 Mr. Gilbert Purdy, brother of S.D. Purdy Esq., here in p.m.
92. Nov 17 Ralph W. Purdy Esq., and Miss Mary Greenleaf, both of the Township of Brighton, married by the Rev. William Coleman.

The Purdy's were descended from the ancient English nobility
The family crest was a peacock's head, neck and breast; motto
"Next to the King,"

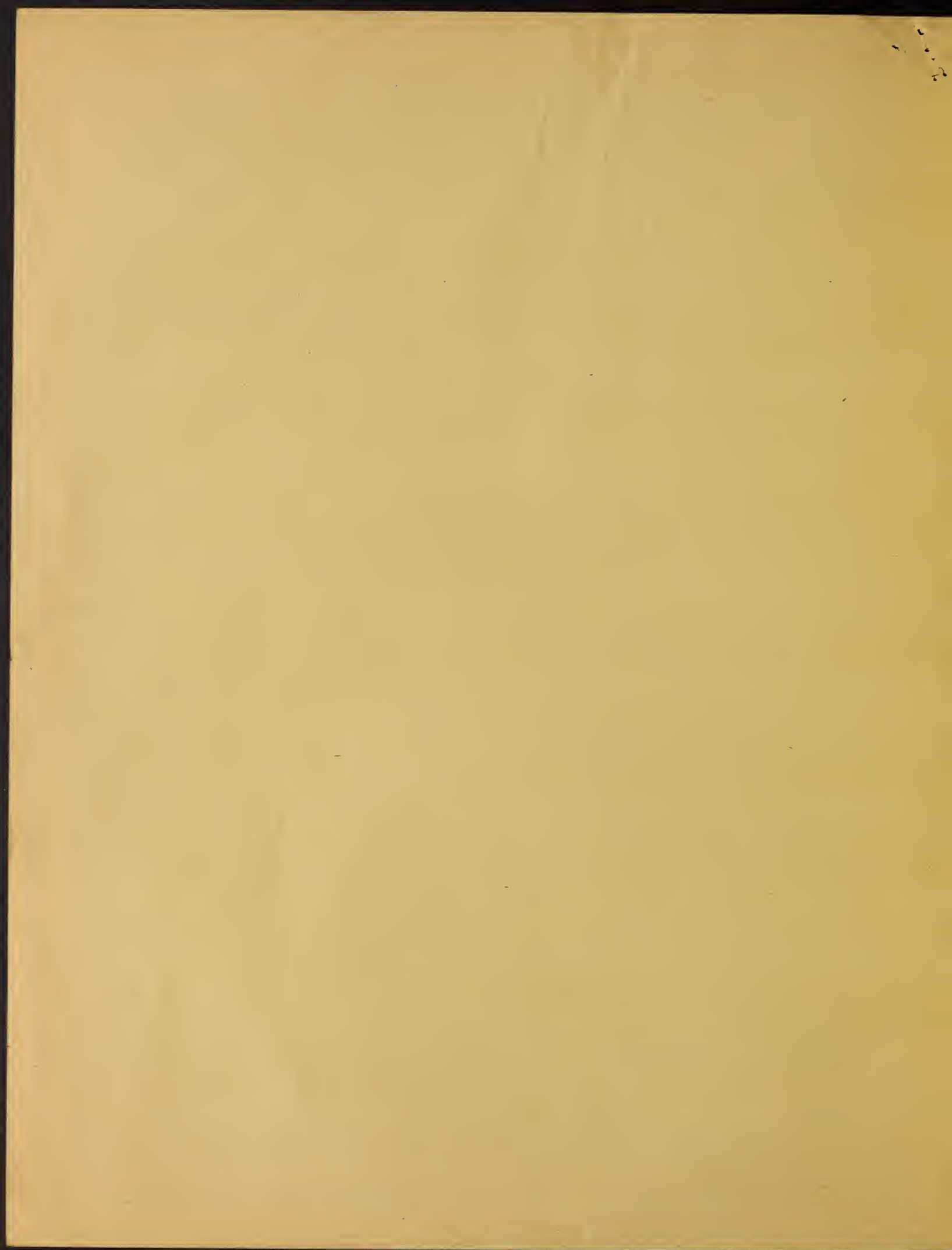
John and William Purdy, two adventurous youths, came to
America. After their arrival they became separated. William
got homesick and embarked (or paid his passage to England) entering
his name on the vessel's logbook. He was never heard of after.

John married an English lady named Courtney. They had
only one son,

David who married Mary Gilbert (a Quakeress) and had
eight children. They lived at Black River, forty miles from
Pittsburg, Pa. He and his eldest son, David, Jr., were ship carpenters
aboard a British man-of-war. David, Sr., was killed in 1778
during an engagement.

David, Jr., on returning home found that the family had
been visited thirteen times by rebel scouts who took what
they needed. The women had defended themselves successfully.
Finally the family embarked on a yawl & came to Canada.
The family were:

1. David, born in 1756, married Abigail Osborne (Ostrom?) and
settled at Belleville.
2. Mary, born 1760, married Daniel Everett, settled at Collins
Bay.
3. Gilbert, born 9 Jan., 1763, married 1st Martha Gidney and 2nd
Ann Elizabeth Jennings.
4. Micajah, born 10 May, 1766, married four times. Cataraqui
5. Rhoda, born 15 May 1768, married 1st ¹⁷⁸⁸ John Wartman, 2nd
Barnabas Day.



6. Calhoun, born 24 Aug., 1770, married 9 Mar., 1789 Joseph Ferris.
7. Charlotte, born Aug 25, 1773, married David McCoy.
8. Samuel, born 25 March, 1775, moved to Michigan.

Hosea Pardy was the son of David by his first wife



Box 3/4

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March 22

Dear Dr. Burleigh;

I realize I made
a mistake in my Purdy
ancestor. He was Rufus Purdy
and his wife's name was
Pugsley, a sister of Capt.
Norland's wife - So far
I have not been able to
get the further information

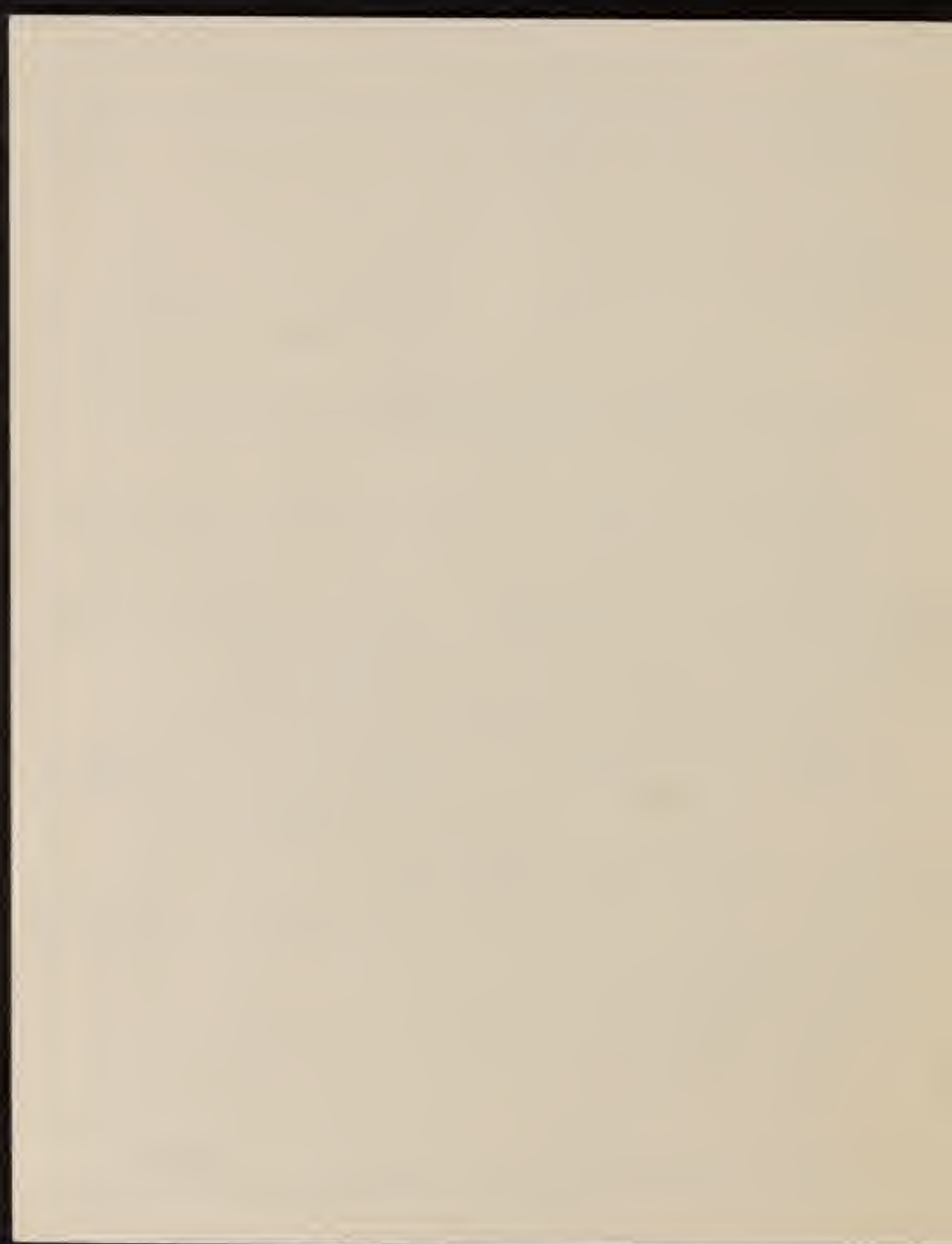
she was he returned and
married Catharine Palmer
Her daughter Maria married
Jay Farley. son of James
Farley who settled in
2nd Sidney - 1794 - This
wife was one of the first
members of Bridge Street
Methodist church in
Bellerive -

Still on the prowl

Hazel Farley

of the Purdy connection but
I shall try some more of the
family -

I don't know how
to find the Palmer
information - the only
clues I have are that they
came originally from
the English Colonies & settled
in Prince Edward County -
My great grand father Schabod
Worden came over during
the war 1812-14 as an
American spy - After



A Memorial of a Will dated the Fourth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, made by Micajah Turdy of the Township of Kingston in the County of Frontenac in the Island District in that part of the Province of Canada heretofore constituting the Province of Upper Canada, Geoman, and of a Codicil, to the said Will, dated the Twentieth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, also made by the said Micajah Turdy: which said Will and Codicil are in the words following, viz:

"I Micajah Turdy, of the Township of Kingston in the County of Frontenac in the Island District and Province of Upper Canada, Geoman, do make this my Last Will and Testament:-

"In the first place, I direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named, in preference to the hereinafter mentioned Legacies.

I give and devise Lot N^o Sixteen and Seventeen in the fifth Concession of the Township of Kingston, containing four hundred acres, bounded and described as in the Deed thereof from the Crown, to my Daughter Elizabeth Gueff, Wife of William Gueff, to Have and to Hold the same to her the said Elizabeth Gueff, her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I have given to my Daughter Charlotte M^cGee, Wife of Samuel M^cGee the by Deed, the Land I intended for her.

I have also given to my Daughter Mercy Switzer, Wife of Peter Switzer, by Deed, the Land I intended for her.

I give and devise one hundred acres, being the South end of Lot N^o Twenty two in the Sixth Concession of the Township of Kingston, and one hundred acres, being the West half of Lot N^o Twenty three in the said Sixth Concession of the Township of Kingston, to Have & to Hold the said two hundred acres of Land, to my Son Micajah Turdy Senior during his natural life, & after his death to be and remain to his Children, in equal Shares, and to their respective Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I have given to my Daughter Phoebe Van Alstine, Wife of Duncan Van Alstine, by Deed, the Land which I intended for her.

I give and devise Lot N^o twenty four in the third

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concession of the Township of Kingston, containing two hundred acres, to my Daughter Rhoda Beach, Wife of Elijah Beach, to have and to hold the same to her the said Rhoda Beach, her Heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise lots N^o Seventeen, eighteen and nineteen in the third Concession of the Township of Kingston, to my three Sons Valentine Turdy, Gilbert Turdy and George Embury Turdy, the said lots containing four hundred and fifty acres, to be divided into three equal shares, in the following manner, that is to say, to the said Valentine Turdy the west third part of the said four hundred and fifty acres, to the said Gilbert Turdy the East third part thereof, and to the said George Embury Turdy the middle third part thereof, to have and to hold the same to them the said Valentine Turdy, Gilbert Turdy and George Embury Turdy, respectively, and to their respective Heirs and assigns for ever; and if either of my said three sons shall die under the age of twenty one years without issue, I will and devise that his share of the said four hundred and fifty acres shall be and remain to, in equal shares to the Survivors or Survivor of them, and to his or their Heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise the East half of Lot N^o nineteen in the second Concession of the Township of Kingston, containing one hundred acres, and lot N^o Twenty in the said Second Concession of the Township of Kingston, containing two hundred acres in equal shares, to my three sons John Turdy, Philip Turdy and Edward Turdy, in the following manner, that is to say, to the said John Turdy the East third part of the said three hundred acres, to the said Philip Turdy the middle third part thereof, and to the said Edward Turdy the west third part thereof, to have and to hold the same to them the said John Turdy, Philip Turdy, and Edward Turdy, respectively, and to their respective Heirs for ever; and if either of my said three sons shall die under the age of twenty one years and without issue, I will and devise that his share of the said three hundred acres shall be and remain equally to the Survivors or Survivor of them, & to their his or their respective Heirs for ever.

I give and devise lot N^o Twenty in the fifth Concession of the Township of Kingston, containing two hundred acres, to my Son William Turdy, to have & to hold the same to him the said William Turdy, his Heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise all my Town lots in the Town of Kingston, to wit, Lots N^o two hundred and seventy nine, two hundred and eighty, and two hundred & eighty nine, containing

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forty seven thousand nine hundred and Sixteen square feet, more or less, to my two Youngest Daughters Ann Turdy and Mary Turdy, in equal Shares, and to their respective heirs and assigns for ever; and if either of my said two daughters shall die under the age of twenty one Years, without issue, I will & devise that her ^{share} shall be and remain to the survivor of the said two sisters, and to her heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise Lot N^o four in the Seventh Concession of the Township of Kingston, containing two hundred acres to my Grandson, John M^cCrea, Son of Samuel M^cCrea to have and to hold the same to him the said John M^cCrea his heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise Lot N^o eight in the fifth Concession of the Township of Kingston, containing two hundred acres, to my Granddaughter, Levina Switzer, Daughter of my Deceased Daughter Levina Switzer, late Wife of Daniel Switzer, I have and to hold the same to her my said Granddaughter her heirs and assigns forever.

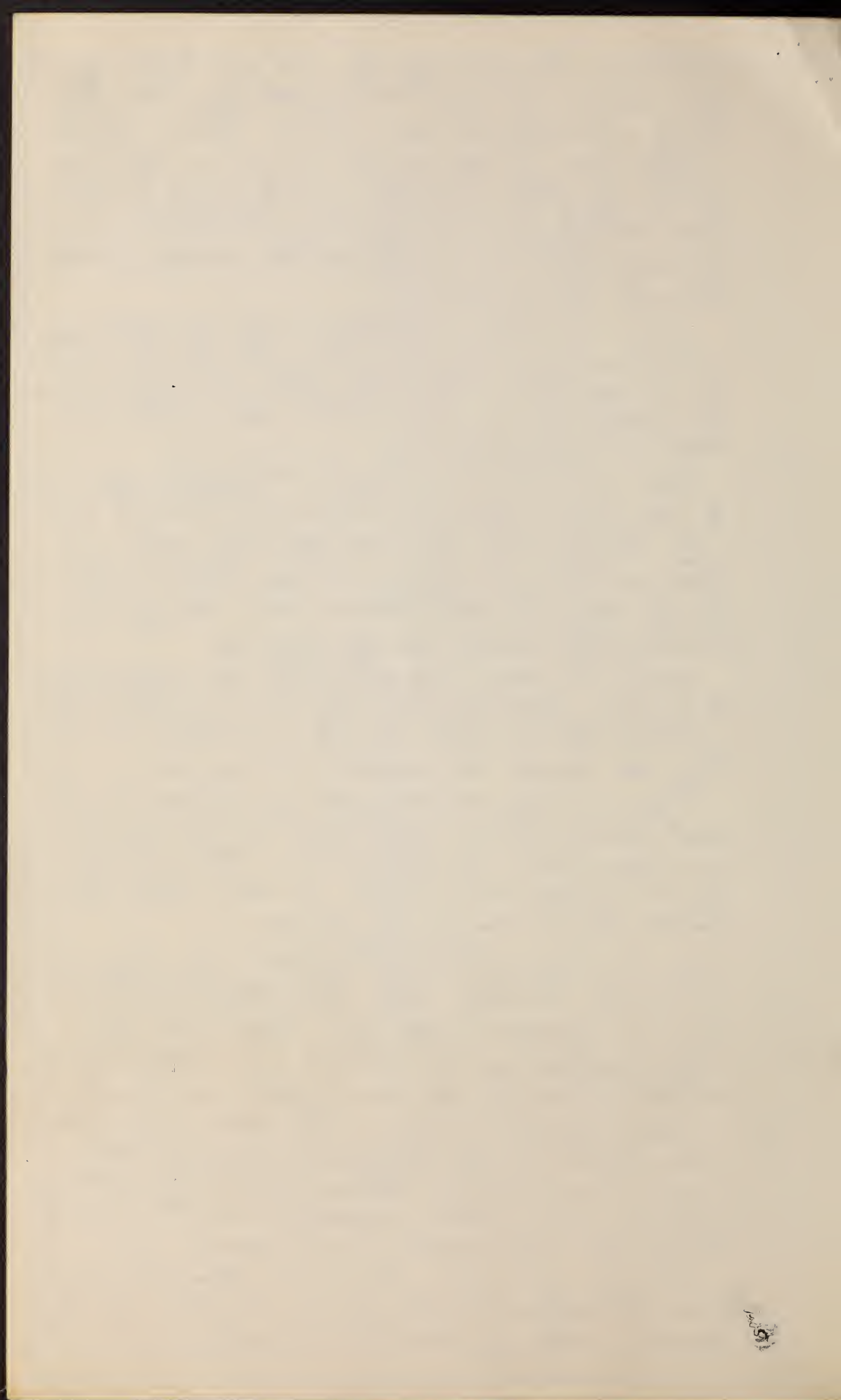
I give and ~~devise~~ bequeath all my household furniture to my Daughters Ann and Mary in equal Shares, to have and to hold the same to them the said Ann Turdy and Mary Turdy, their Executors, Administrators and assigns.

I give and bequeath ^{the whole of} ~~all~~ my Farming utensils to my three Sons Valentine Turdy, Gilbert Turdy and John Turdy, in equal Shares, I have and to hold the same to them the said Valentine Turdy, Gilbert Turdy, and John Turdy, their Executors, Administrators and assigns.

I give and bequeath ^{the whole of} ~~all~~ the Stock on my Farm to my three Sons Valentine Turdy, Gilbert Turdy and John Turdy and my two daughters Ann Turdy and Mary Turdy equally, I have and to hold the same to them respectively and to their respective Executors, Administrators and assigns.


I give, bequeath and devise all the residue of my Estate real, and personal (after the payment of my just Debts and funeral Charges) to all my Children, in equal Shares, to have and to hold the same to them respectively, and to their respective heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns for ever.

I hereby appoint my Sons-in-Law Elijah Beach and Duncan Canabatie Executors and my Daughter Ann Turdy Executrix of this my last Will & Testament.



In Testimony Whereof I have hereto set my hand and Seal the fourth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty nine -

Signed sealed and declared by the said Micajah Purdy to be his last will & Testament in the presence of my who in his presence and at his request subscribe our names hereto as Witnesses - the first & share on the third page being first interlined & the words one half, in this page, cancelled & the whole of interlined -


Signed / Micajah Purdy 

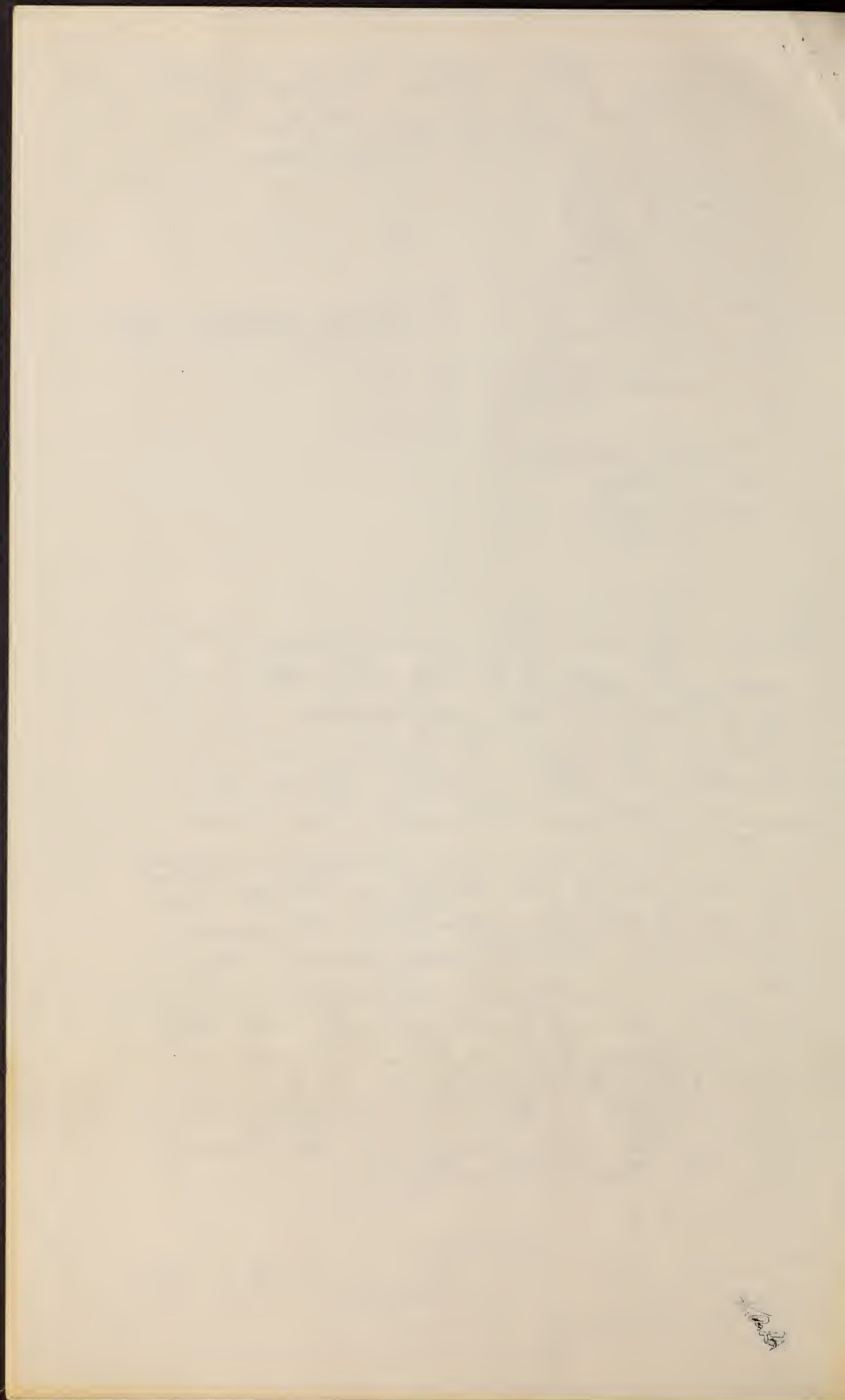
Signed / Barnabas Bidwell
Signed / John D. Purdy
Signed / Wm B. Wells

Whereas, in my last Will and Testament, I did constitute and appoint the late Nancy Beamish - the wife of Doctor Wm Beamish Esquire; and the late Duncan Lanalstine and Elijah Beach Esq, Executors to the said Will; and Whereas the said Nancy Beamish and Duncan Lanalstine have since deceased; I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my two sons; namely John Purdy and Philip Purdy, together with the said Elijah Beach Esq, to be Executors to my last Will and Testament, aforesaid: hereby confirming and making valid all legacies and provisions made and contained in the said Will.

In Witness Whereof I have hereto set my hand and Seal this twentieth day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, at my place of residence in the Township of Kingston, Midland District -

In presence of
Signed / David Purdy
Signed / Peter Wm Kim

Signed / Micajah Purdy 



Which said Will and Testament is Witnessed. ⁴⁵
Barnabas Bidwell late of the Town of Kingston
in the Midland District in the said Province, Esquire,
deceased, John D. Turby of the Township of
Kingston in the said Midland District, Yeoman,
and William V. Wells of the Town of Prescott
in the District of Johnstown in the said Province, Esquire,
and the said Memorial Codicil is Witnessed by David
Turdy of the Township of Kingston in the said Midland
District, Yeoman, and Peter McLean of the said Township
of Kingston Yeoman, and this Memorial of
the said Will and Testament and of the said
Codicil, is required to be registered according
to Law, by Philip Turdy of the said Township
of Kingston Yeoman, one of the devisees named
in the said Will and Testament. -

In Witness Whereof the said Philip Turdy
hath hereto set his hand and Seal the Seventh
day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and Forty Four. -

Signed and Sealed
in presence of

The said Memorial
was first blotted out. -

G. O. Manning
W. Breckenridge

Philip Turdy



100

George Alexander Cunningham of the Town
of Kingston in the Midland District in
the Province of Canada, Esquire, Maketh
Oath and Saith that he was present and
did see the within named Philip Turdy
one of the devisees named in the last Will
and Testament of Micajah Turdy, says
to which the said Memorial relates and
refers, sign and seal the within Memorial
and that he, this deponent do hereby subscribe
witness to the said Memorial.

Sworn before me at the
Town of Kingston in the
Midland District this
9th day of February 1844.

Geo. A. Cunningham

Wm. Strange
dey Regs



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Fees \$3.50

REGISTRAR OF DEEDS

AA N31

Memorandum

Will of

Michael Murdy (Deceased)

I certify that the
signing and sealing of
the within Memorandum
was deemed as sufficient
by the within official

John A. Murdy



The Gilbert Purdy who married Hannah Gould ^①
 Page 2

The following outline which I think gives
 all the children of Gilbert and Hannah follows
 up with the children of only No 3 Ira Wesley Purdy
 and in turn with the children of No 6 only
 who is Hiram Monroe Purdy and lastly with the children
 of Walter Wesley only.

No 4 Eleanor Purdy is the grandmother of a
 special friend of ours in Fresno we are quite
 positive because many letters saved by this friend
 named Rhea Waite which were written by W^m Walker
 the husband of (No 4) Eleanor Purdy refer to Ira and
 Richard and James and Ira's family and Ira's
 children. I have the break down of Eleanor's family

Gilbert Purdy married Hannah Gould (6 children)	M. W. Walker 1813 to 7/12/1911 Age 98 years	① Lurie Jane Walker married Addicot Morris	{ Ada Pierce Morris	
		② James Walker married Debra Murphy		{ ① Thomas - not married ② John Walker { Irene m. to Aggie Bland { Eugene Symers { Eva
		③ Ira - not married no information		
		④ Carmen Walker m. to Frances Clark	{ Helena Beatrice Walker Rhea Eleanor Walker m. - Clement F. Waite	{ ① Patricia Waite m. Clifford Olsen 4 children ② Marilyn Waite m. Kenneth Jeringan 4 children
		⑤ Addicot Walker m. Ida Sherman	{ ① Harry Walker m. Elsie Collicot { 4 children ② Ross Walker m. Helen Farrow { 4 children ③ Fred m?	

Problem I

425 W Son Jose Ave. Fresno Calif 11/28/61

Dear Mr. Burleigh: - Just rec'd the
bulletin & wished from H. P. Gundy,
also other material. He was very
kind to send it all to me. It
helped me straighten out a number of
things about the Gilbert & Sargis problem.
Sincerely, Lowell W. Martin.

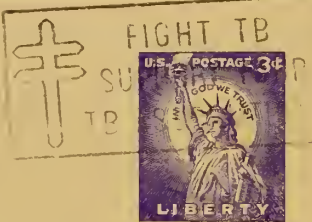
Will write.

Buff 1728-1802
ms 1733-1807

Dance 1771-1846
ms 1768-1852



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr H. C. Burleigh
Box 9 - Bath
Ontario, Canada

Harpriet M. Puid

Frederick Purdy

1. 1891 - Martin &
Edward Sterns - 3
boys - Fay, James & Robert

Gassio Landon
in 1896
to children

Flavor Parody

3. Ethel B. Purdy.

Married a Mr. [unclear]
Have 2 Ch. 1 drow Carl
and George.

4. $M^m B$. Purdy

William Marsh Paddy
held ~~in~~ 1897

3 Walter Wesley

5. Wesley Eli. born
3/30/1866 - 1500 N. 11th St.

Sarah Candall

7 E/eq/uo - Jane Puddy
born 6/5/1845 M. to Wesley
Goodrich

Married on 10/22/89
To Carrie Louise Barber Van Mاستر of Eugene
who died May 4, 1960 — Louis F

6. Josephine E,
Married Mary E

5 Hannah Parry

7. Carrie Louise

born 1854 married
to Robert Goodrich
in 1876 - 2 sons

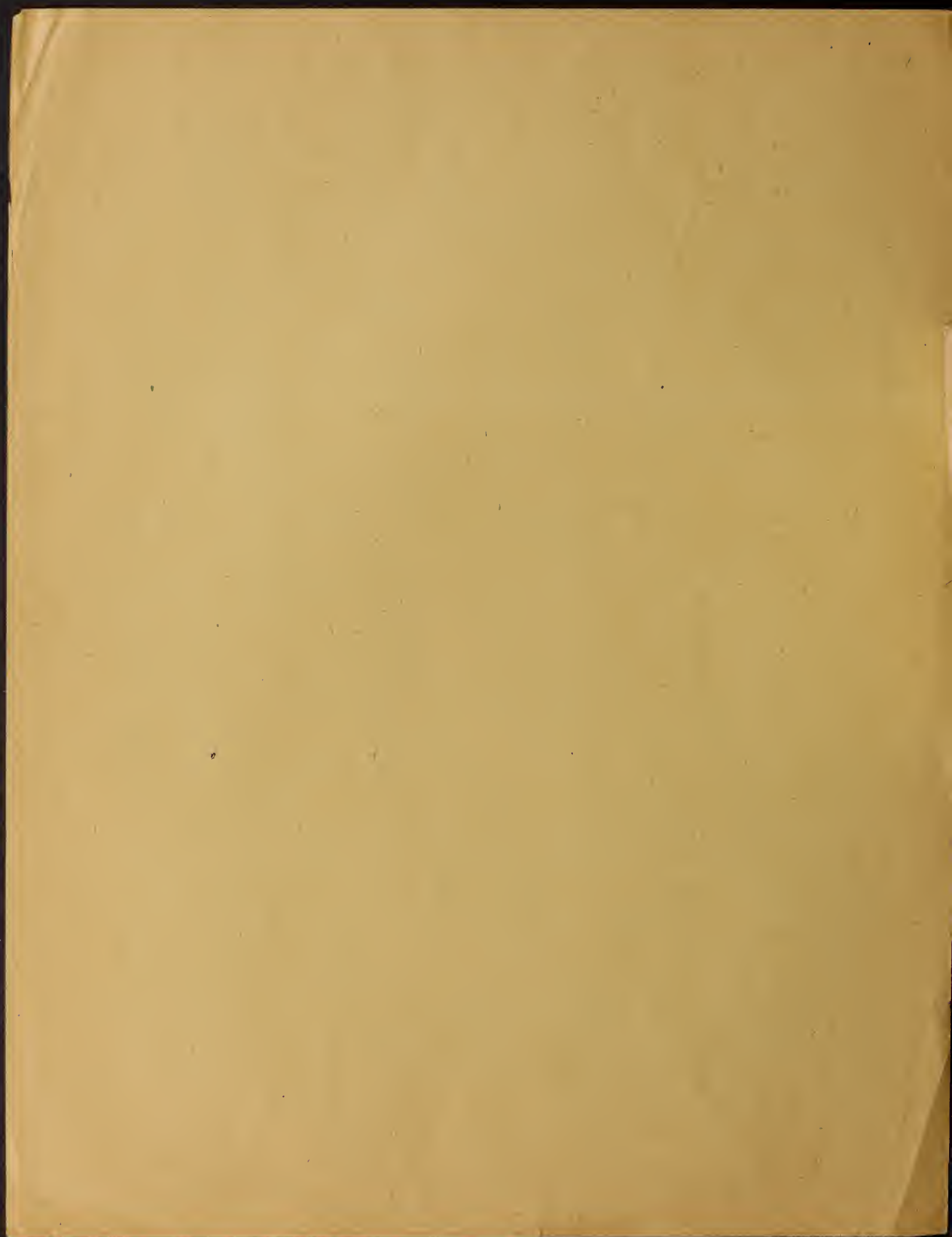
born 8/15/1913
died 11/4/1920

6 Ray Purdy

(Children of Ira)

4 Children of Hiram
Mowbray

Ichi Ikeno of Maister
Wesley



Gabriel
Phil. Man
N.Y.

Henry

Sam'l Wimpfled

Gab claimt.

James Henry

Alb

Sam'l

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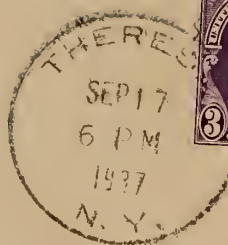
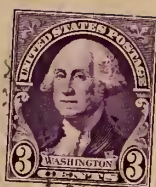
G. Young
Arthur B. Kitchen

McQuinn
Younger
Garner

Ben Spencer & 77
Weller
Washington

Robert
Shover





Mr. H. C. Burling
Bath,
Ont.

PURDY—In the Kingston General Hospital Saturday, July 30th, 1932, Edwin S. Purdy, beloved husband of Mary M. Armstrong.
Funeral private from 146 Barrie street, Monday, August 1st, at 2:30 p.m. to Cataraqui Cemetery.

URGENT ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Memo for Mr. _____

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Mr. _____

Of _____

Called, Phoned _____

Phone Him At _____

HIS MESSAGE WAS

Date _____ Time _____

Taken By _____



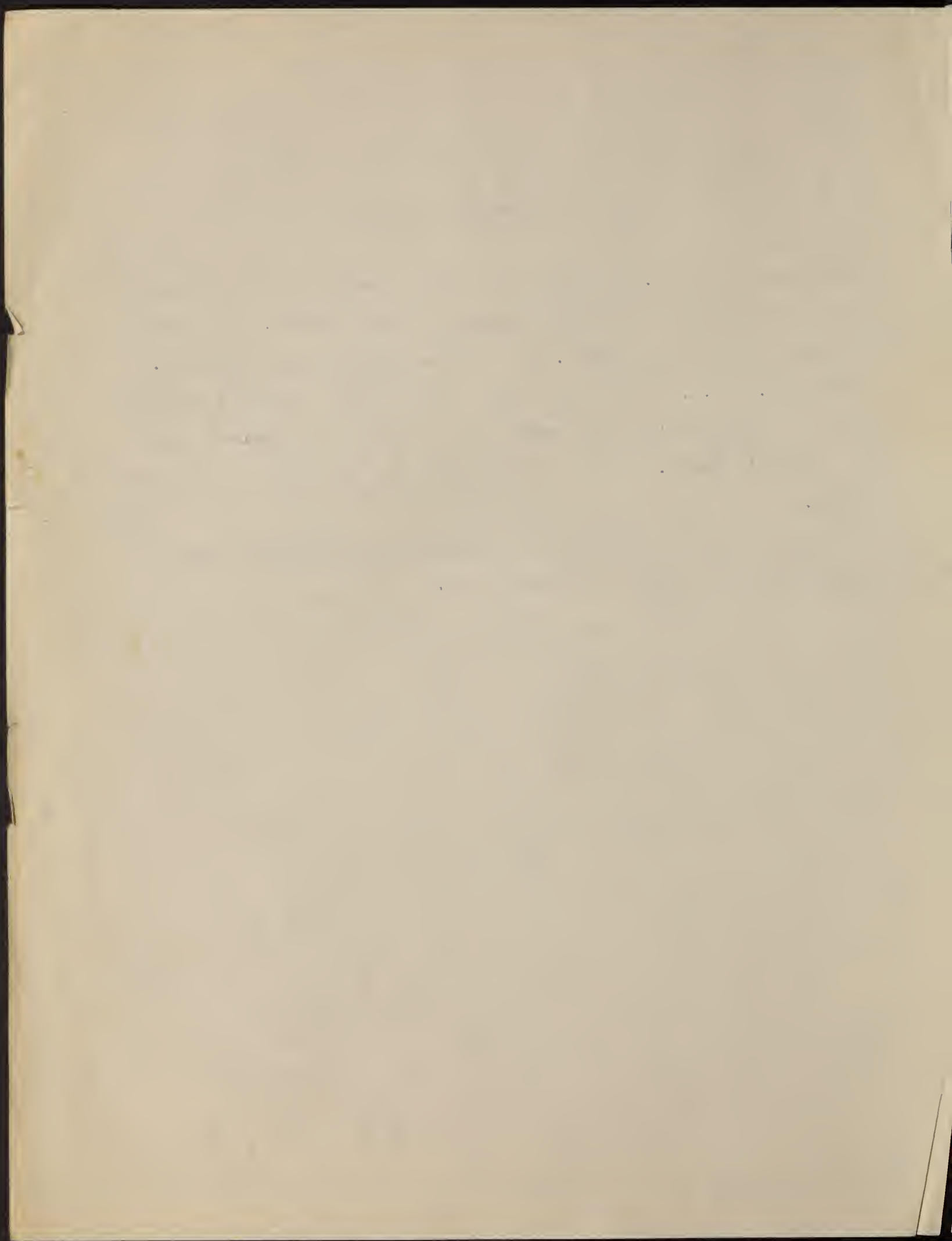
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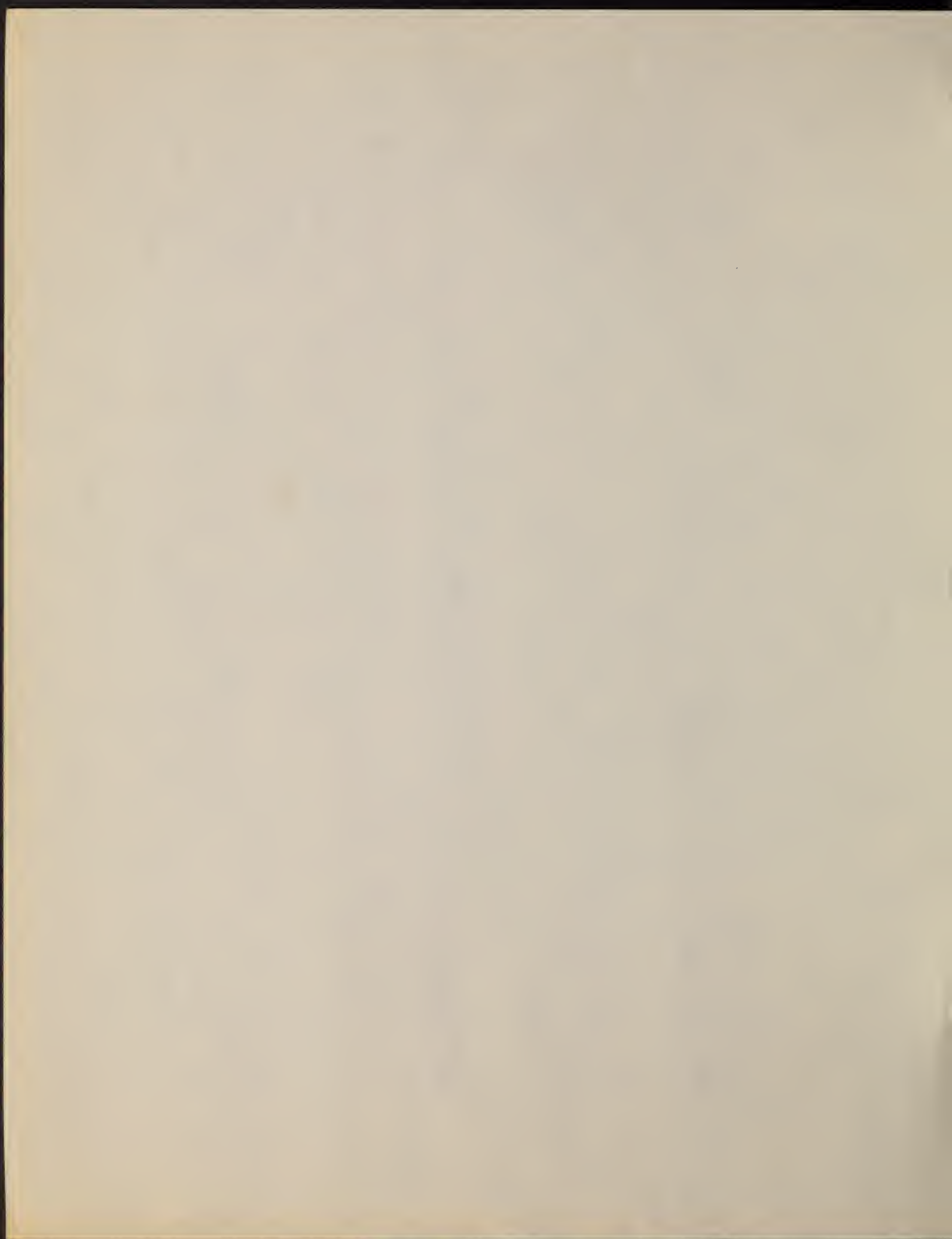
Who was Nathaniel Purdy?

I have friends - Mr. and Mrs Arthur Rutherford who reside within a mile of the Conklin farm which this obituary mentions. They know descendants of these people. They are farming the old place now.

Edward H. (E.H.) remained on the farm for many years and kept his mother (Nathaniel's wife) and raised Edward Albert Walker after his father's death. (Albert- Edward Albert- was the son of Esther Purdy.

This group seems all by itself because no one can locate this Nathaniel Purdy among the older Purdys.





E.P.G.
1938

Purdy

Bath

Samuel Purdy
the first-
stage coach
operator at
Bath

— (Wm) —
Coleman
Bristol

1837
intensity

Harvard = — Bristol

William
drowned in Calif.
went overland &
made money. On
way home, after
notification of his
intended return
to family, the boat
sank off the Golden
Gate. Family notified
that his body had been
found & buried in Cal

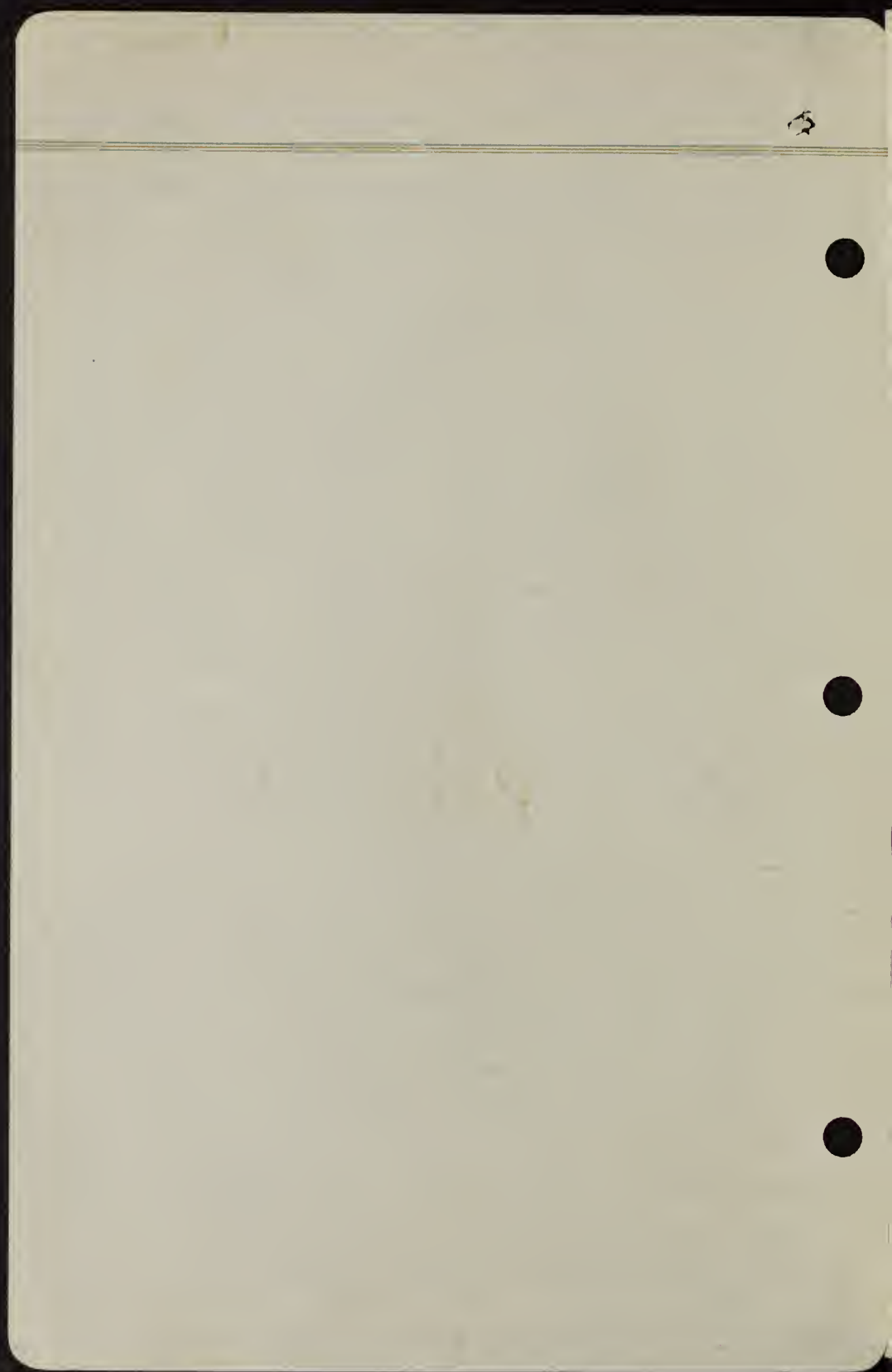
Leaves
= — of Los Angeles
stayed winter of
1937-8 with sister
Mrs. Pursey
= 1938 Mrs. Allen,
don. of Chas. of Cal-
ifornia town. She
aged about 73;
was of Los Angeles

Ames
is living
in Los Angeles
went west along
with Pursey
to Near Edmonton
= a school teacher
from near Inwood
who taught at Bath
was ~~not~~ known as a
Storkeeper in Red
Dev. Alta

Each
= Bay. B
Pursey
Reddish

2 other girls
married after
they went west-

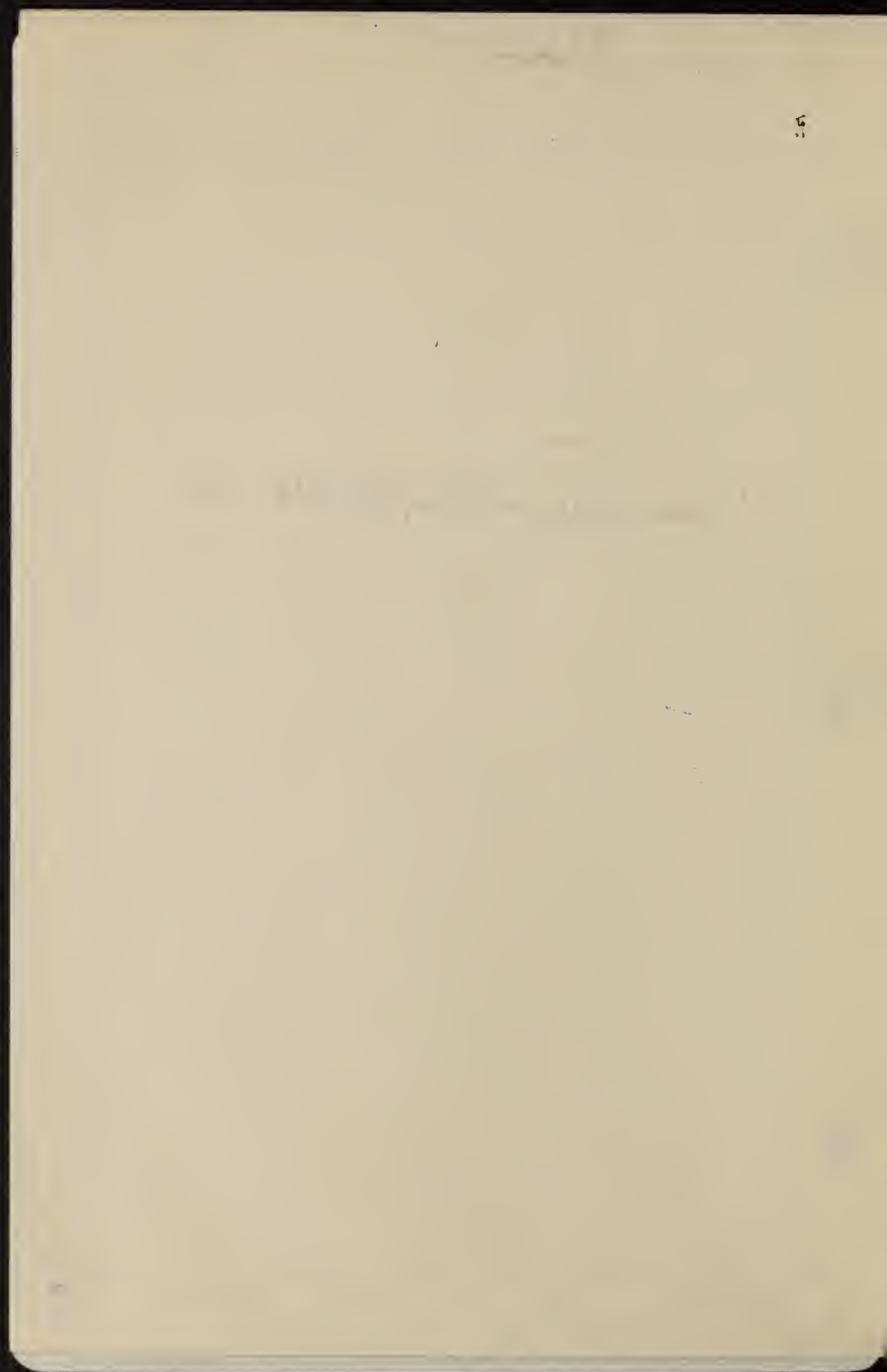
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Purdy

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Mrs. Hazard W. Purdy
nee Caroline Elizth Bristol

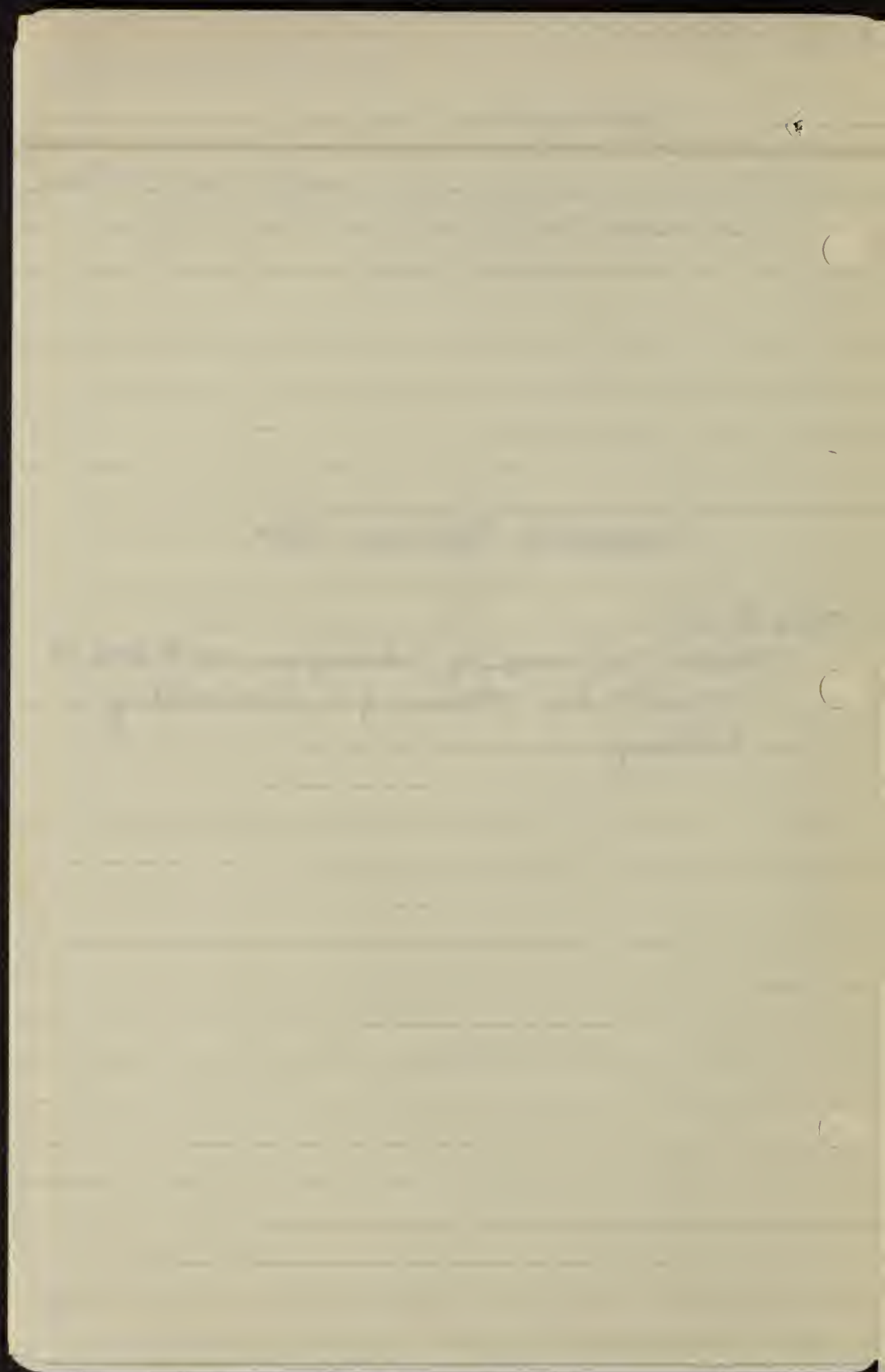
Victoria, B.C.

d. Oct 30, 1914 at the home of her daughter Mrs. C. MacKesson
622 Niagara St., Victoria, B.C., in her 91st year
(born 1823/4)

Napanee Beaver, 1900

May 18, 1900

Charles B. Purdy, of Cataraqui, was killed 14
May 1900, by collapse of a stone wall of a
building



425 San Jose Ave Fresno, Calif - Sept 10, 1961

Mr H.C. Barleigh M.D.

Bath, Ontario.

Dear Mr Barleigh:-

It is with extreme regret that we are scheduled to take certain taxes and a steamship trip from Montreal to Chicago so soon that we cannot again visit you and hear more directly about your most comprehensive and detailed study of the Purdy family. Already you have furnished us with information beyond anything that we thought possible. We are very grateful.

As I told you my mother Emma Purdy was the daughter of John Purdy the son of David and Abigail. John Purdy's wife was ~~also~~ Anna Fritz. My mother died when I was three but I am realizing a dream of many years to come to Canada and learn about her people. I am a retired professor of Agriculture and Science at Fresno State College. My brother Charles F. is an architect of some note in San Francisco. He was the only child of Emma Purdy and W.W. Weston. He and I are Californians.

Teachers are not especially well to do financially but I am so grateful to you for your careful and detailed study of many years that I want to help in a small way in the hope that you can perpetuate your findings in book form or in some library of note lest something happens to them in the future. I hope to be able to correspond with you and it will be a real pleasure to hear from you as you continue with your research.

I am not carrying enough cash on this trip so I am enclosing a check for \$100.00 drawn on my home bank in California. It would be impossible for me to consider money as a payment for services because I do not have enough to pay for all your disbursements, so I send it as a donation toward your efforts that it may lighten the work to a small extent. And I shall be eternally grateful.

I am asking some questions. We will not be home in California until Oct. 4, 1961. These questions, I beg of you, to accept as a guide, by an amateur

and not as ~~an~~ my special requirement of any sort. The time element of your answering is, of course, of your own choosing. If I write too often or seem too enthusiastic or anxious please forgive me.

Before I was able to locate my own family (John Purdy family) I studied several other groups who seem to fit in to some extent at the top. Later I shall send you these two outlines. Perhaps you can place them right away. They have to do with some special friends to whom I thought I was directly related. I am a great deal more concerned with those you have proven of direct ancestry just at present.

A little later I shall write to you in more detail about John Purdy family of 4 In spite of his untimely suicide he started a wonderfully intelligent family all of whom but one named Phillip I have detailed information about. The descendants down to the 4th generation are really of unusual wealth and education.

John's brother Jacob who also married a Frety, a sister of John's wife, had a daughter named Jennie. This Jennie Purdy became the second wife of Ridley Purdy.

one of John's sons and this woman became insane!⁴
though they raised a son "Wm" of Trenton who
became a substantial citizen. That is the only mental case I know of.

I think my mother was born on the farm
where my grand father John committed suicide. I have
visited this farm north of Smithfield near Brighton
you had the legal description of John's first farm.
My mother's letters state that her father worried
because he had traded his good farm for one
which did not produce well. so I wonder just
where the first farm was although the data seemed
not to point as to the one he traded. My mother
said that her father had cancer and only a short
time to live and was a good Christian man. Perhaps
you know otherwise. My mother was "Emma" and
her mother ^{Anna Feltz Perry} lived together many years after John's
death. This grandmother of mine lived with us in
Nebraska from 1886 to 1887, from my mother's marriage
until her death. I was born in 1884. Grandmother was
born in 1813 and died 1901. From your records and
John's baptism June 12, 1803 (he died in 1863) I have a close
estimate of his age as 60 years.

In review to be certain we first go back to
 Gilbert senior, the father of the 6 brothers who
 came to Canada in 1783. This Gilbert died on
 his way to Philadelphia to fight for the King.

His sons were David, Gilbert Jr., Joseph,
 Samuel, Micajah and I think Jesse. These brothers
 of David and their history I do not have
 much information about except of Micajah who
 had 5 wives and 23 children. I have the names of these
 wives but not of my children. I understand that
 Micajah, Gilbert and Samuel settled in the townships
 of Kingston. They had large families but I do not
 know about them. Later Samuel removed to a distant place.
 The above is from the records of 1844 you gave me.

David Armes was born in 1755 and died in 1839.
 He is the father and Abigail Ostrum the mother of
 the family of which John Purdy my grandfather is
 one. This family is of course the important one
 in our study because the Cousins are variously
 connected. You have given me some information about
 them and I already have some. I am anxious to

get all I can and fit it into what I can^{be}
dig up in the future through the various
relations I am already in contact with.

The pamphlet you showed me from
the University is of great importance. I would
write for it myself but I failed to get
the proper description and do not know the
proper place to send for it. This David is,
of course, the one who connects it all to
history itself and this information, due to your
kindness, is the crowning achievement of it all.
You said that you might be able to locate
one for me, or send me address.

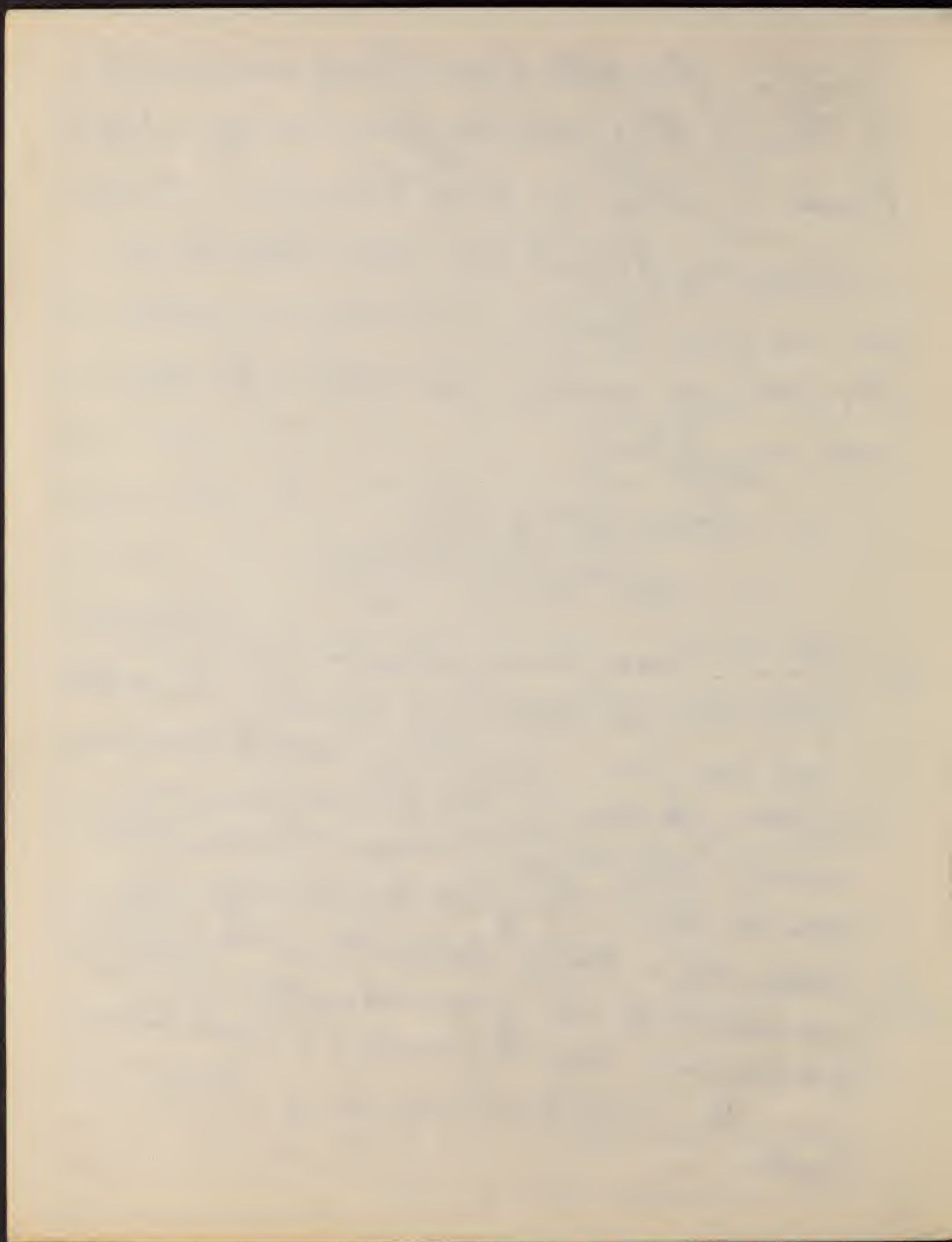
Clayde V Purdy of Kingston is taking myself
and wife down, to see, and take pictures of the
old stone houses, David's old home. We are going
now soon. We are leaving tomorrow for Montreal. ^{Kingston}
Information sent to Claude V Purdy at 235 Princess St
will find me in Quebec. He is helping me. Also the
address of Douglas Purdy R.P. 1 Both will help us.
He is a young man who has the enthusiasm to

Carry on. His father Harold Purdy is a brother⁷
to Charles V Purdy. Harold died recently in Kingston
Douglas is settling on his ^{former} father's farm near you.

I am sorry I cannot type this letter to you.
Not one in a thousand would carry on your
study with such accuracy and detail. You are
indeed very fortunate.

Very sincerely yours,
John W. Masterson.

P.S. Samuel L. Purdy one of John's sons was the owner
of saw mills at Castleton and Lee Hill. One of his
sons was "Lou" Lewis Purdy ~~who~~ followed his
father in the lumber and later the feed mill business
in various places but more recently in Kingston. Lou's
sons are Charles V. Purdy and Harold Purdy who
recently died in Kingston. Harold is the father of Douglas
who has inherited the farm near you at Bath
and I mentioned above to you as a valuable helper.
I am the son of Emma Purdy one of John's
daughters.



Hartford Times, March 5, 1955

Answer to:

B 7070 Purdy (1) P.W. Oct. 23, 1954

The (undated) will of Susanah (1st husband was Ogden) Sutton of the West Palent of North Castle, widow of Thomas Sutton late of Greenwich. Legacy to Rachel, wife of Thomas Purdy & her three sons, Gilbert, Stephen & Jesse.

Ref. early wills of Westchester Co. N.Y. (Pellestreau).



Parish Register, St. John's Church Bath

Purdy

Purdy, David = Abigail

~~Michael~~ → Micajah ^{Emmettown baptised} bp 2.10.1794
 Betsey ² bp 2.16.1795
 Mary ² bp 2.20.1803
 John ² bp 6.12.1803
 Joseph ² bp 3.15.1808
 Jacob ² bp 3.19.1812
 month day

U. E. List

David 2 Sergeant 19th, 400 -- from New York.
 Stamped Book. P.L. 1786. A.M.C.L.
 Gilbert 2 Died with Genl. Howe's Army -- Chesapeake.
 Left a widow. P.L. 1786

Key. Claims

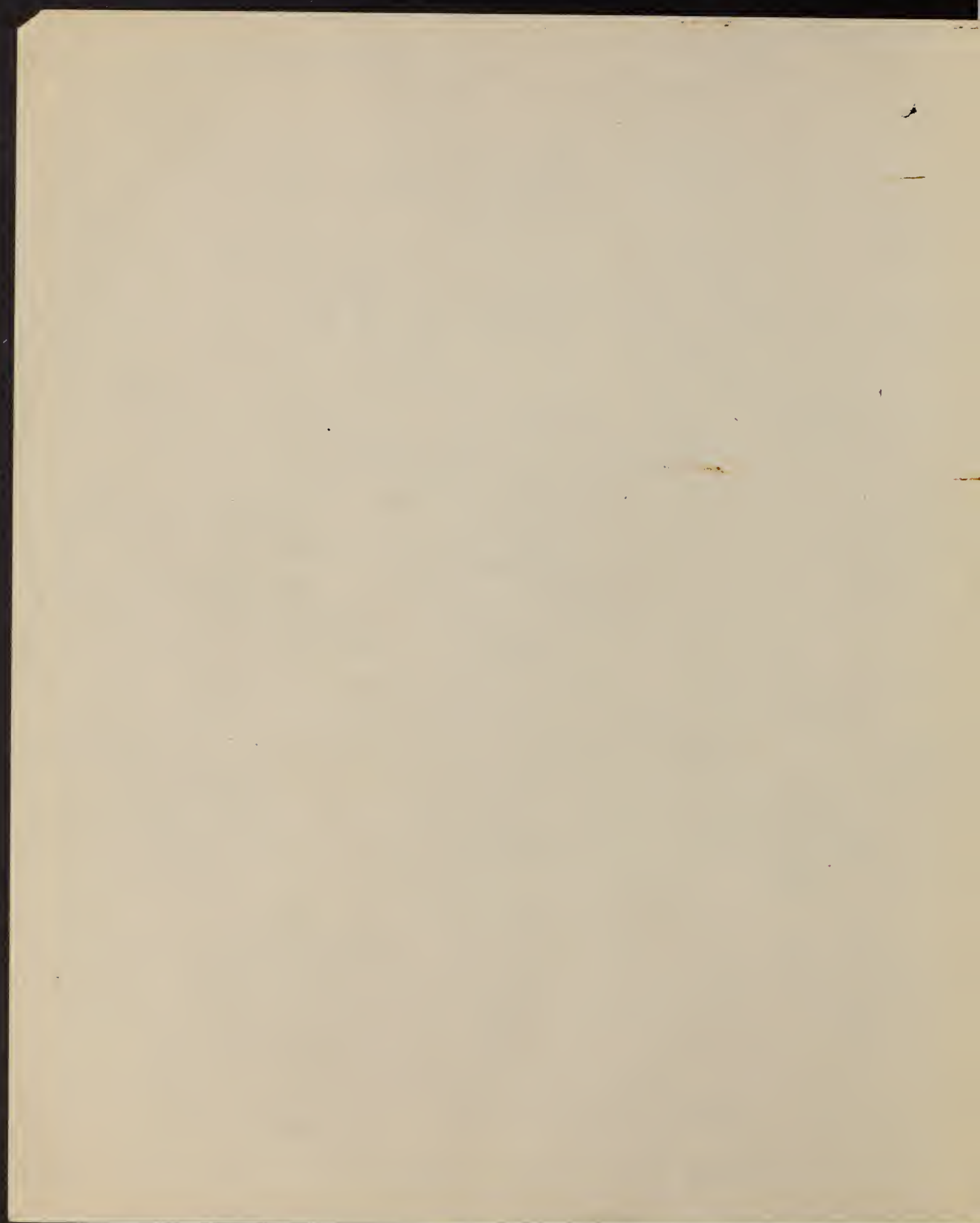
Gabriel, Phillips Manor. ~~780~~ Cobblegate Mount N.B.? 780
 Guides + Prisoners.

Gilbert. Newburg, Ulster Co. Guides, Grass B.O. 430

Key. Claim witnesses

Samuel, Phillips Manor					780
Winifred	"	"	wife of Samuel		780
Henry	"	"	son	"	780
Jacob	"	"	"	"	780
Gilbert	"	"	"	"	780
Gabriel	"	"	"	"	780
Samuel	"	"	"	"	780
Gilbert Jr	"	"	gr	"	780
Nathaniel	White Plains				782
David, Newburg, Ulster Co	son	Gilbert			430
Gilbert	"	"	"	"	431
Mercy	"	"	dan	wife	Capt Everath 431
Rhoda	"	"	"	"	431
Mary	"	"	"	"	431
Charlotte	"	"	"	"	431
Micajah	"	"	"	"	431
Samuel	"	"	son	"	

P.B.Q
 Gilbert-p 623



Census of 1851

Kingston Township

David Purdy	wheelwright	b. Can west	Methodist	43 yrs next b'day
Mary	.. (Rees) (son Gilbert 42)	..	..	35 "
P. G.	.. (male)	..	..	14 "
Mary Cornelia	..	..	..	12
Charles	"	..	..	10
Wellington	"	..	..	8
Ann	"	..	..	6
David	"	..	..	4
Amy Ann	"	..	..	3
Infant	"	..	..	1
Emeline	"	..	..	7
Joseph W	"	..	..	3
Mercy	.. servant	..	West. Meth	16
Samuel	.. Farmer	U.S.	..	57
Pamela	"	Can. West	"	53
Mary	"	"	"	22
John	"	"	"	18
William	"	"	"	10
Valentine Purdy	Farmer	..	..	38
Harriet	"	..	..	27
Albert	"	..	..	7
Catherine Ann	"	..	..	5
Mary	"	..	..	2
Ester Jane	"	U.S.	"	70
Edward Woodhouse	Servant	Eng.	Ch. of Eng	16
Jesse Purdy	Farmer	U.S.	West Meth	57
Sarah	.. (Laird) (son Gilbert 42)	"	"	50

cont'd



Census of 1851

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Marshall Purdy	Can. West	West Meth	24 yrs	not b'dy
Mary Ann ..	"	" "	20 "	
Elijah ..	"	" "	19 "	
Ferdinand ..	"	" "	17	
Robert .. (m. a Warden)	"	" "	16	
Sidney ..	"	" "	10	
Philip E. Purdy Yeoman	"	" "	31	
Charlotte E. ..	"	" "	34	
William W ..	"	" "	12	
Hester J. H ..	"	" "	9	
Ryerson ..	"	" "	6	
Cyler ..	"	" "	3	

son
Wilson Robert
b. 1870
in Elginburg
now living
in Detroit

Land Records, Tp. Kingston

Philip E. Purdy	Conc 2, lot 20	99 acres
Valentine Purdy	" 3 .. 17x18	259 "

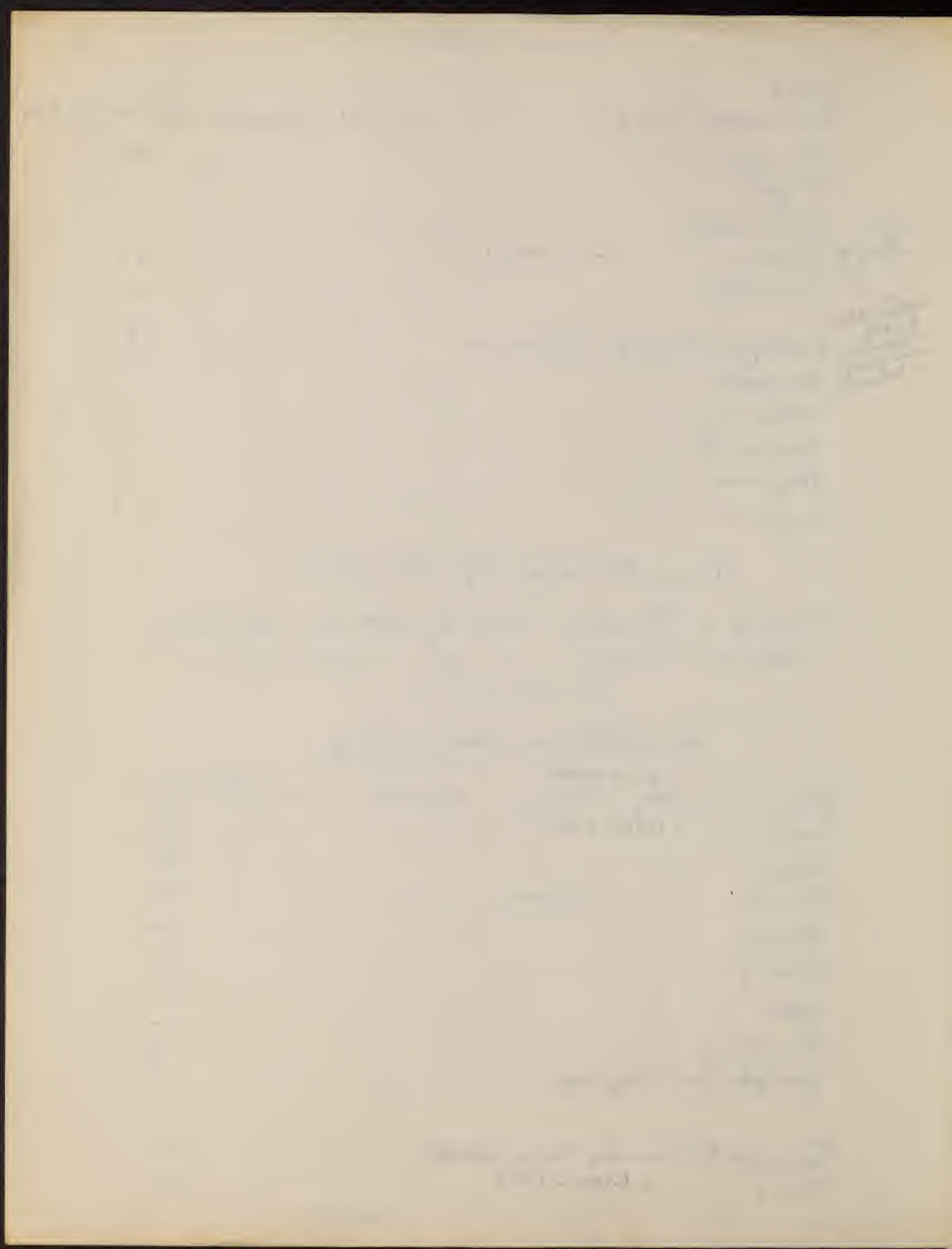
Ernesttown Township.

b.p. 15.3.1808

Joseph Purdy Farmer	b. Can W.	W. Meth	47
Unis M .. (b 1812 d 1876)			40
Sarah			20
David laborer			18
Jacob			16
Eliza J.			13
John			13
Samuel			10
Joseph (b. 10 Aug 1844)			8

Samuel D. Purdy Farmer (b 1798) ..	"	53
Elio 7 .. (b 1807; m. 1822)	"	44

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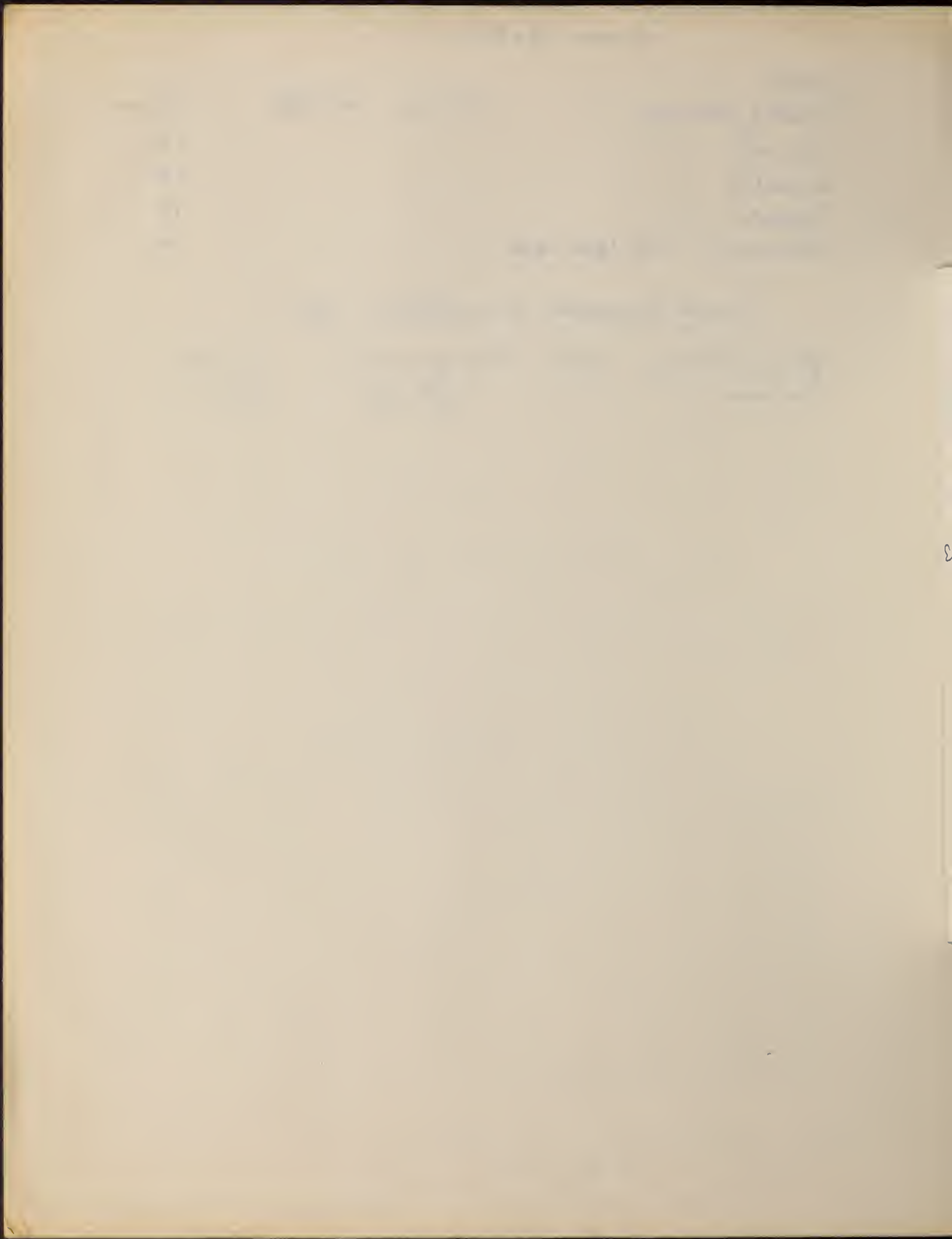
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Sarah J. Purdy	b. Can w	w. Meth	22 ps
Eliza A "			20 "
Samuel H "			18 "
Ralph "			16 "
Charles W "	(b. 1 June 1846		6 "

Land Record, Ernesttown Tp.

Joseph Purdy	conc 1	lots pt 41 & 42	220 ac.
Samuel "	" 1	" pt 42	240 "



Northumberland 1878

Haldenham 20

Purdy Geo Wadsworth

Con & Lot 4 T. Can 1840

Brighton

Purdy S. A. Brighton Gen Dealer Co 1834

Cambridge

Purdy S. L. Castleton — —

Milling & Sawing Can 1856

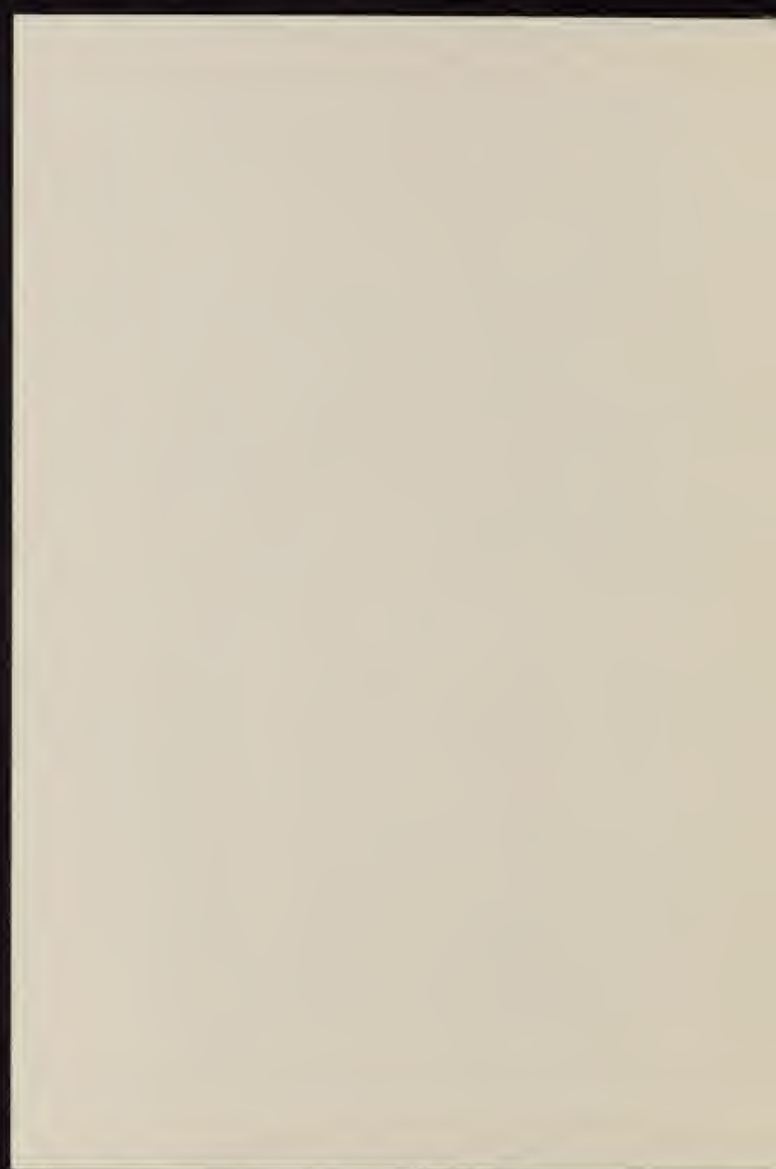
Early Settlers

Haldenham

Josh. Purdy

Militia Roll 1812

Smalley Johnson



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2 daughters. They both married to D. Beamish of Waterloo village

Issue 4 sons.

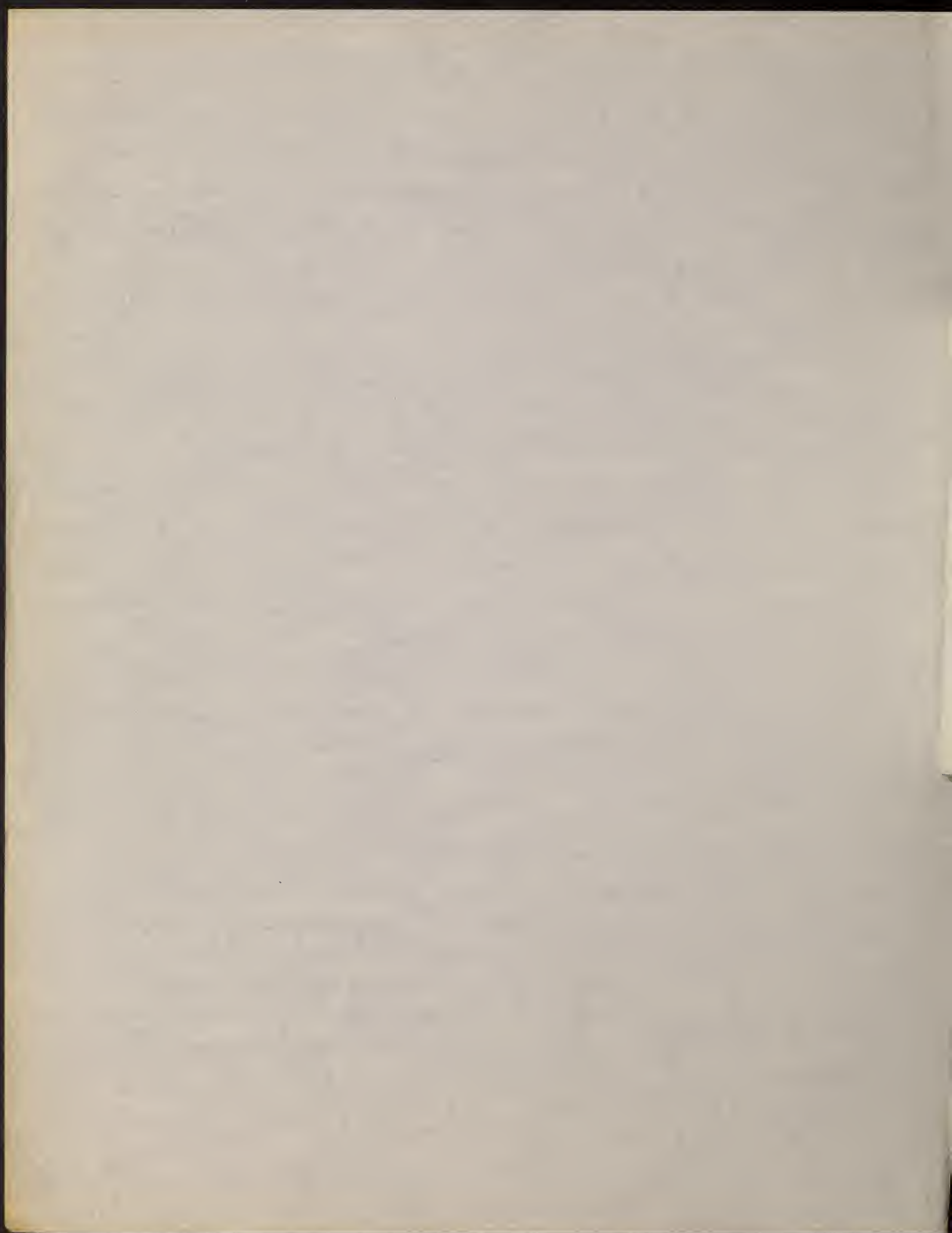
After Mary Embury he again married and died.

Loyalist Clarks & Badgleys

by

Estelle Clark Watson

p81. John Abbott, who married Mary Purdy, daughter of David & Abigail (Ostrum) Purdy, Loyalists (formerly of Newburgh, Ulster Co., N.Y., who settled on Lot 42 of the first Concession of Amestown. After John's death, Mary married an Ellenbeck, probably the Loyalist Emanuel, a native of England who had lived in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

John W. Masten
425 W. San Jose Ave
Fresno 4, Calif.



GIVE
THE
UNITED
WAY

Airmail

Mr H. C. Barleigh
Bath, Ontario, Canada

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G.H. DETLOR DIARY

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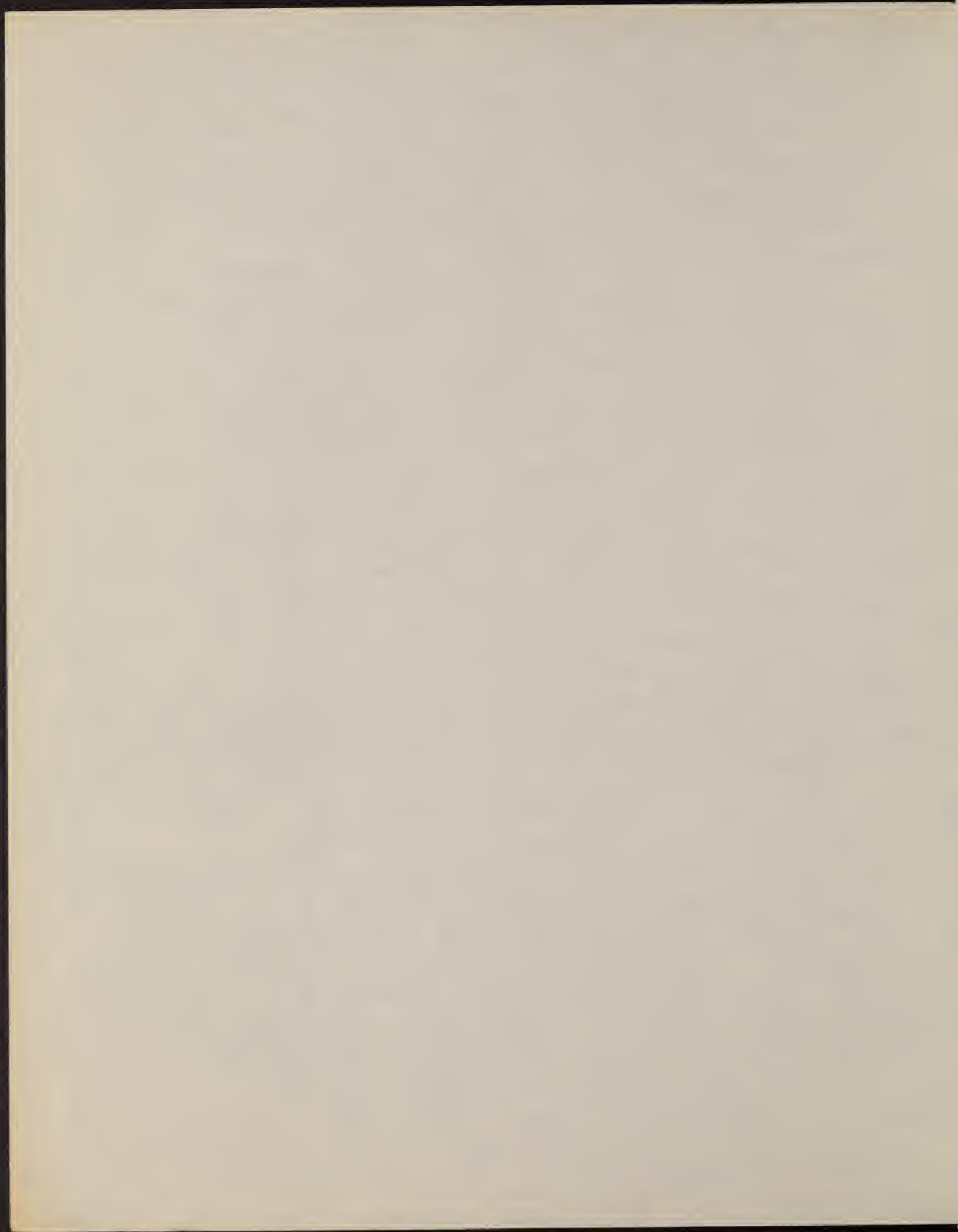
After Mary Embury, he again married and then died.

Loyalist Clarks & Badgleys

by

Estelle Clark Watson

p.81 John Abbott, who married Mary Purdy, daughter of David & Abigail (Ostrum) Purdy, Loyalists (formerly of Newburgh, Ulster Co., N.Y., who settled on Lot 42 of the first Concession of Ernesttown) After John's death, Mary married an Ellerbeck, probably the Loyalist Emanuel, a native of England who had lived in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



Shibley Genealogy

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Henry Shibley (John² John¹) (1792-1875) m. Charlotte Day
(1799-1852), daughter of Barnabas Day and Rhoda Purdy

Absalom Shibley (Henry³ John² John¹) (1839-1875) m. ^{Catherine} Purdy

Ida, m. N. G. Healy

John 1st (died Haverbury Sept. 20, 1928) m. M. Kingston

John Arney (Betsy (John² John¹) and Joseph Arney) m. — Purdy

Horatio Day (Emily (Jacob³ John² John¹) and Absalom Day)

m. — Purdy ch. Elida Day.

Charles Day (brother of Horatio above) m. — Purdy.

ch. Ernest D.

Perry

Ida

Marley.

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8 Sept 1954

Mrs. Wilson Robert Purdy, aged 84, of Detroit, Mich., here
renewing acquaintances. He was born in Elginburg in 1870, son of
Robert Purdy, whose wife was a Warden, of Kington Township.
Wilson's grandfather was Jesse whose wife was a Land, or Land.
Robert had two brothers who died in Toronto & 2 sisters, Mrs Archibald
and Mrs Coulter whose husband kept a hotel on the Sydenham
Road about 3 miles north of Cataraqui.

Wilson, when young, farmed on Burley Street Ernestown
(his between 3 & 4 concession), north of Bath. He later removed
to Detroit where he now lives.

He had heard of Hazard Purdy, vaguely, but did not
claim relationship. The same applies to Micajah.

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425 W. San Jose Ave
Fresno 4. Calif 11/18/61

Dear Mr. Burleigh:-

I am not being thanked for looking into the heredity of our Perry family. From what the two Perrys (who were with me when we met) apparently think, and they are the only ones to whom I have confided anything, our heredity study is a Pandora's box.

Personally I am convinced that inherited insanity has never shown up in my grandfather John Perry in spite of his suicide or in a single one of any of his descendants. They are extraordinarily superior.

As to John's brothers and sisters the J. P. Clark diary indicates (it ³⁶ seems you said to me lately) as of June 30, 1852 that "Samuel Perry son of the late Mr. Gilbert Perry ~~son~~ cut his throat; he is insane" It seems he is a nephew of our David. So Obigene's name is pulled out of that one.

I want to know about this
Ostrom family of whom Abigail was a
member. Can we prove heredity or lack
of hereditary insanity? I would like to
investigate this family.

I want to follow up on my
study without getting into trouble with
folks who are too ignorant to investigate
anything for fear of skeletons in the closet.
I used to teach genetics. It amazes me
how ignorant people can get.

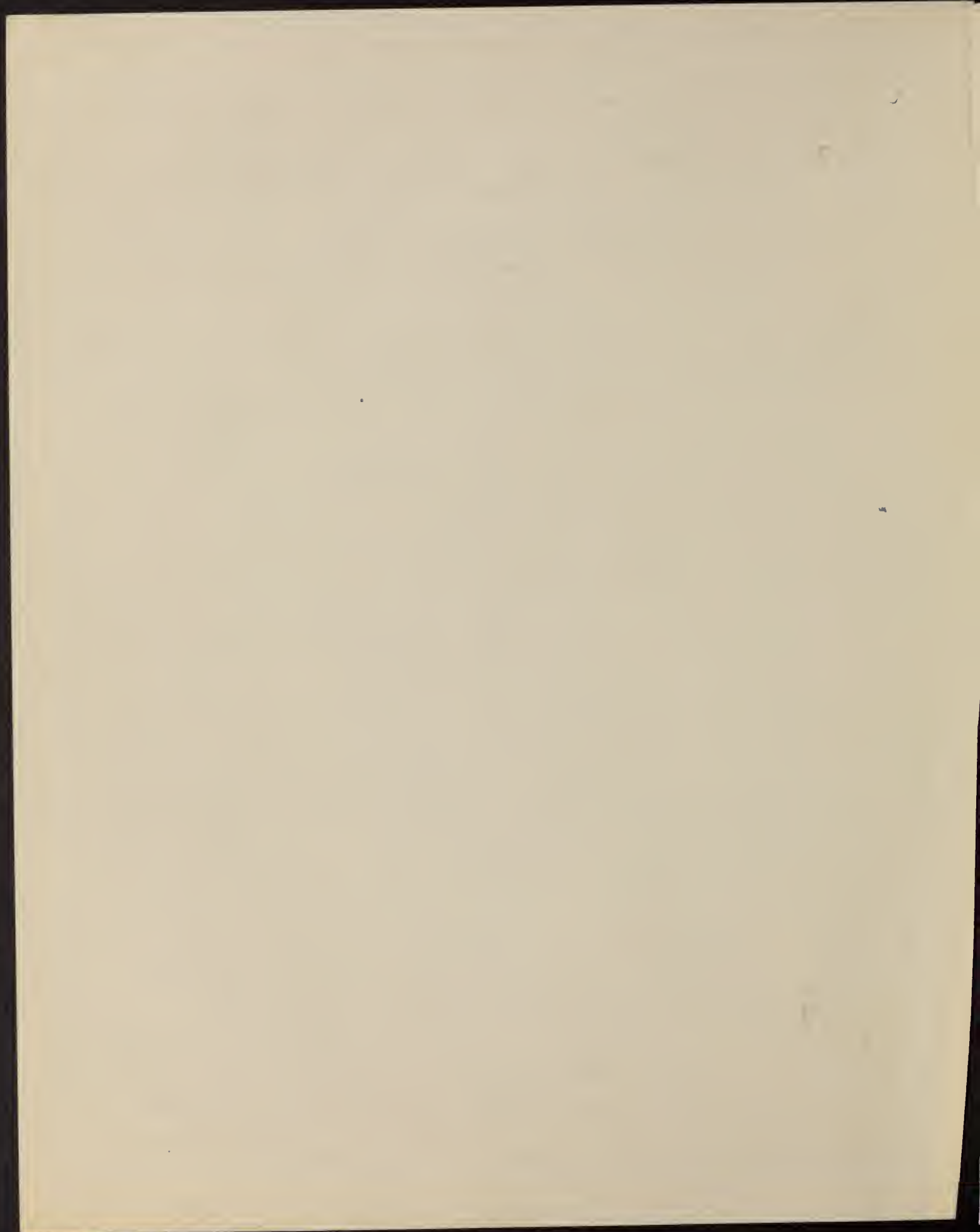
I have pretty good forbears all along
the line but I actually give the Perry
blood credit for intelligence above the
average all along the line.

Help me clear up this Abigail
Ostrom business if you can by some insight
into her family. Very sincerely yours
John W. Masten

J. C. Clark Diary.

Purdy

- 1833
July 6 Two days meeting began at Samuel D. Purdy's.
- 1836
Jul. 17 Miss Martha Purdy eloped at night with a young man,
a stranger in the place - but was recovered on Monday P.M.
- 1838
May 14 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a son.
July 29 Mr. Micajah Purdy's son. killed by the kick of a horse.
Aug. 26 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined this morning, & lost her child.
- 1839
May 16 Old Mrs. David Purdy died aged 83 yrs. 7 mo. 6 days (b Oct. 10, 1755)
July 13 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined of a daughter
- 1840
Mar. 17 Mrs. Samuel Purdy lost a female infant at night.
" 26 Jacob Purdy = Miss Fretts.
- June 11 James Purdy = Miss Sarah Ann Moore.
- 1841
Feb. 23 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a daughter.
- 1842
June 30 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a daughter at evening.
July 15 Mr Samuel D. Purdy's youngest child died this morning.
- 1844
Jan. 26 Old Mr. Micajah Purdy of the Township of Kingston died this
morning, aged 78 yrs. (b. 1765)
- Aug. 10 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined of a son in the morning.
Oct. 19 Mr. J. Purdy lost a skiff in a storm.
Nov. 5 Mr. Joseph Purdy, being insane, mutilated himself P.M.
" 6 " " " is not expected to live long.
- Dec. 19 Went to Esqr. Clarke as a witness S. Purdy vs J. Sterling
- 1846
June 1 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a son at night.
Aug. 26 Sarah Jane Purdy here.
- 1847
Jan 12 School Trustees S. D. Purdy, Esqr., No 3 J. Purdy No 1.
- Jan. 18 Old Mr Purdy, on the Wilcox farm, near Bath, died.
Mar. 22 S. Purdy, Esqr., & wife here P.M.
May. 17 Two Miss Purdys here.
- 1848
Mar. 9 S. D. Purdy & wife here.
- 1849
Nov 18 Protracted meeting at Purdy's School House.
- 1850
- Mar. 26 Mr. Hazzart Wilcox Purdy = Miss Caroline Elizabeth Bristol, 2.



1850

Mar. 29 Mrs. Burnside, dau. of Mr. Jesse Purdy, died

1851

Jan 5 Old Mr. Gilbert Purdy, Township of Kingston, died at evening of cancer in the face, aged 88 yrs (b. 1763)

July 17 Mr. Joseph Purdy, Junr., son of S. D. Purdy, Esq. = Miss German. (He b. ? Dec 1828) *

Nov. 14 Miss Sarah Jane Purdy 21 yrs old to-day (b Nov. 14, 1829)

1852

Jan. 4 Old Mrs. Abigail Purdy, widow of the late Mr. David Purdy, died sudden at noon aged 90 yrs. 2 mo. + 19 days. She had been deranged in mind by times for more than 60 yrs (b. Oct. 16, 1761)

Jan. 7 Miss Hannah Mary, youngest dau. of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., died at noon, aged 13 yr. 8 mo. (b. May 1838).

June 20 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., confined of a still born child.

" 30 Mr. Samuel Purdy - son of the late Mr. Gilbert Purdy, Junr., cut his throat with a razor, but is not dead; he is insane.

Aug. 3 Mrs. Joseph Purdy, Junr., confined of a daughter A.M.

1853

Jan. 12 S. D. Purdy, Esq., elected Trustee.

" 29 The Stone Sch. House near Mr. Purdy's sold by auction. Forbid by Mr. Joseph Purdy.

Feb. 16 I went to Mr. Purdy's Sch. house as a witness in the case of Mr. Garbuth vs Mr. S. D. Purdy, a society case. (Deferred)

Mar. 6 Mr. Hiram McQueen = Miss Sarah Lucinda - dau. of Mr. Joseph Purdy of Ernesttown at evening.

Apr 7. Illegal school meeting called by Mr. S. Purdy.

June 14 Mr. S. D. Purdy, Esq. Road Master.

1854

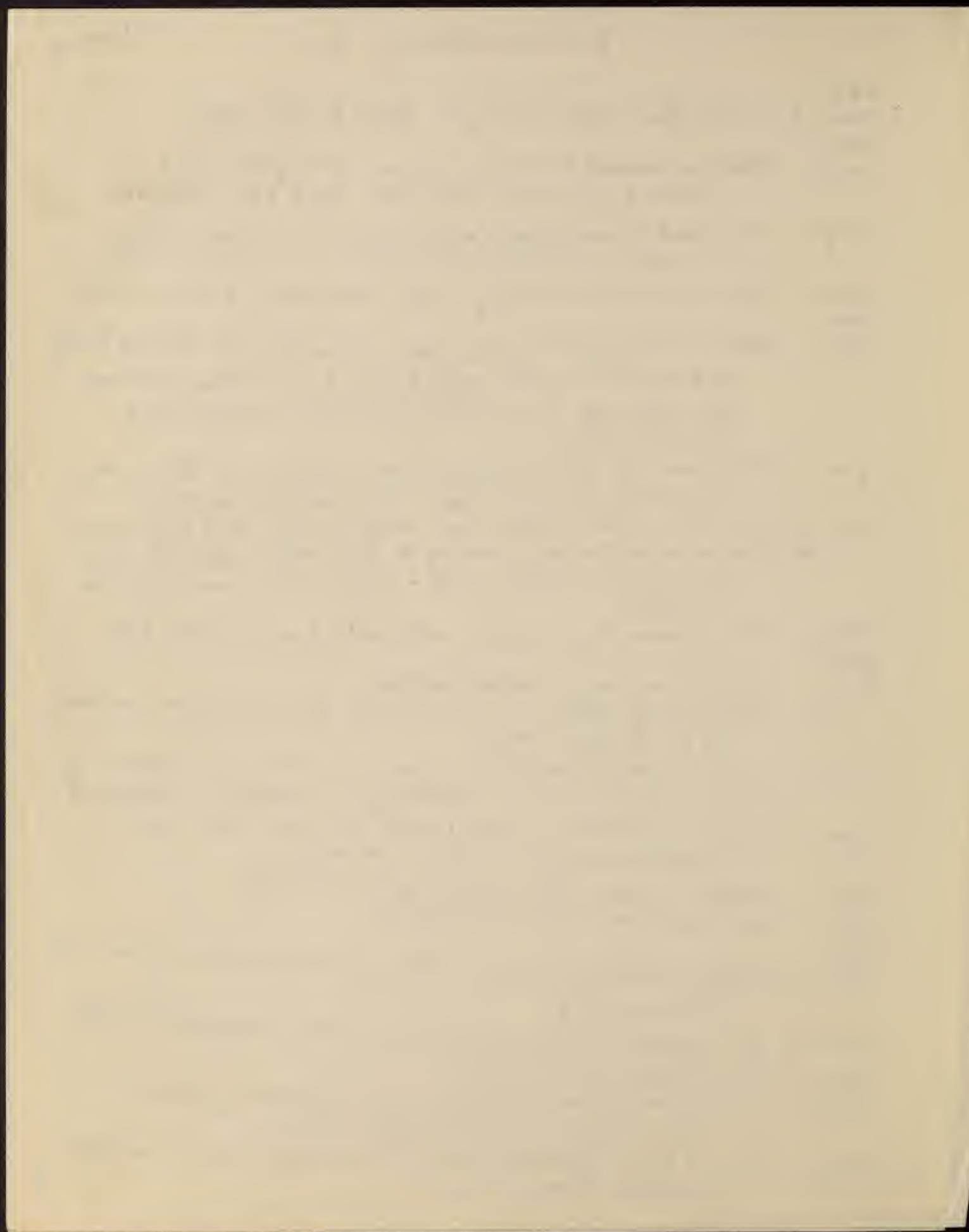
June 26 Rev. Jno. Wesley German = Miss Sarah Jane, dau. of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq.

Jul. 29 Mr. Gilbert D. Purdy's birth day, being 67 yrs old (b 1787)

Sep. 28 Mr. Gilbert D. Purdy here.

Oct. 27 I wrote + witnessed the execution of a deed of land from S. D. Purdy to W. Lount of Toronto.

Nov. 5 I went to Mr. Joseph Purdy's at evening + lanced a swelling on Jacob Purdy (his son).



1855.

Dec. 26 Mr. Jacob Purdy, of Clark, formerly of Ernesttown, a widower with seven children — and Miss Hannah Fraser, dau. of Mr. Daniel Fraser of the York Road married.

1856

Jan. 1 John Purdy, Esq., of Sidney, being at his brother Joseph's, cut his throat with a pocket knife, he bled profusely, but the blood was staunch'd & a Dr. got from Kingston. He is insane.

Mr. James Purdy — son of Mr. Gilbert Purdy, Junr., & Miss Lenora, dau. of John Ashley, Esq.

" 9 Annual School Meeting: S. D. Purdy, Esq., finishes term.

Feb. 18 Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., started for Sidney with his brother, John Purdy, Esq., & wife, who have been down at his brother's more than six weeks.

May 20 Ruliff Purdy, Esq., of Sidney, a native of Ernesttown, being the son of the late Mr. David Purdy, and brother of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq. and Mr. Joseph Purdy, etc., died this morning.

Aug 13 Two Miss Fairfields, Miss Eliza Purdy and Miss Rachel Switzer here P.M.

1857

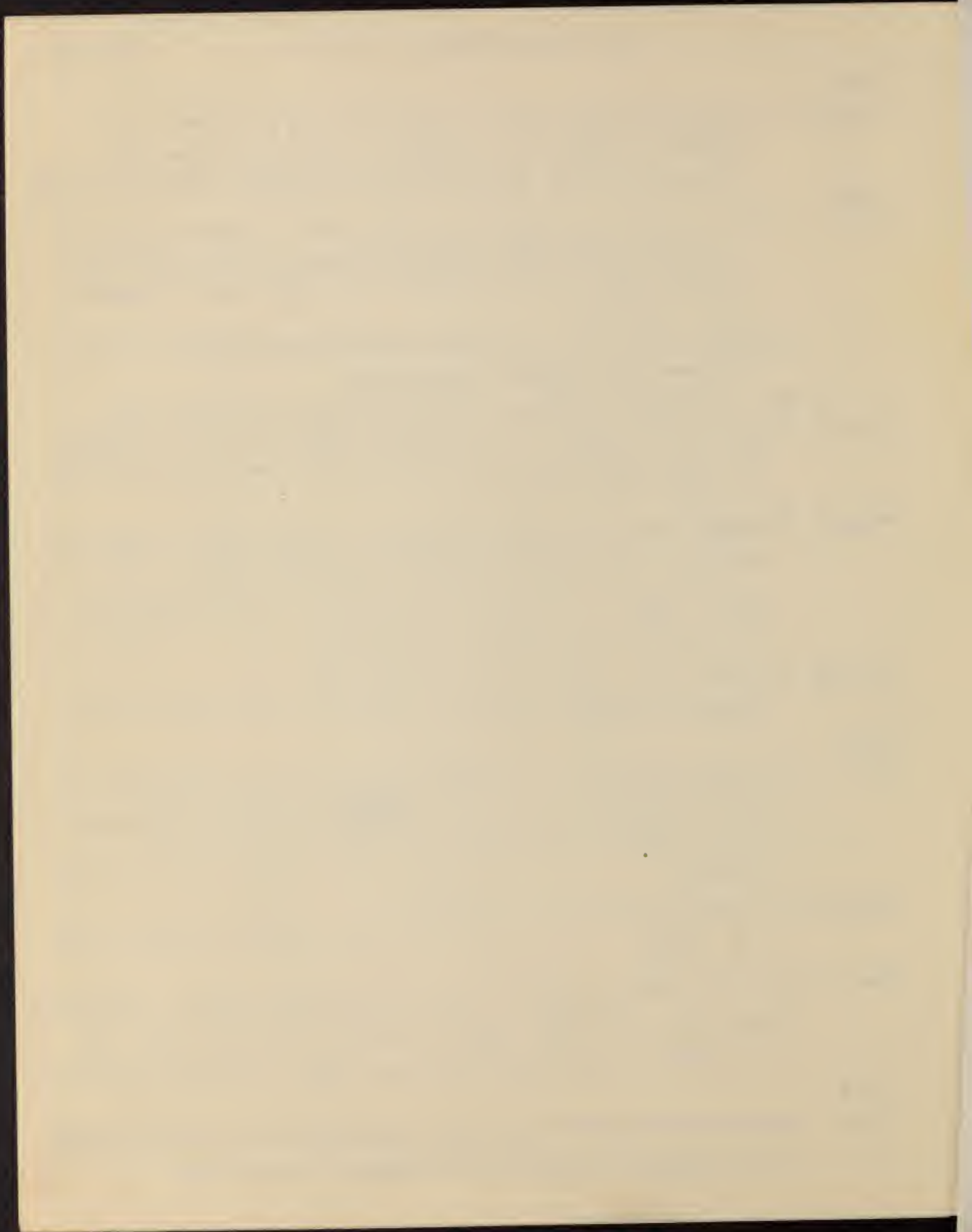
Jul. 11 Mr. Garbutt had a saddle sold to pay a School Tax for the pretended Union section by David Purdy by order of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., and Joseph Purdy, Trustees.

Sept. 8 Mrs. Joseph Purdy and Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy here for a visit.

Dec. 31 Mr. Henry Day of the Township of Kingston and Miss Eliza Ann, daughter of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., of Ernesttown, married by the Rev. John Wesley German.

1858

Apr 4 ~~Mr. David Rankin and Miss Eliza Jane Purdy, daughter of Mr. Joseph Purdy of Ernesttown married.~~

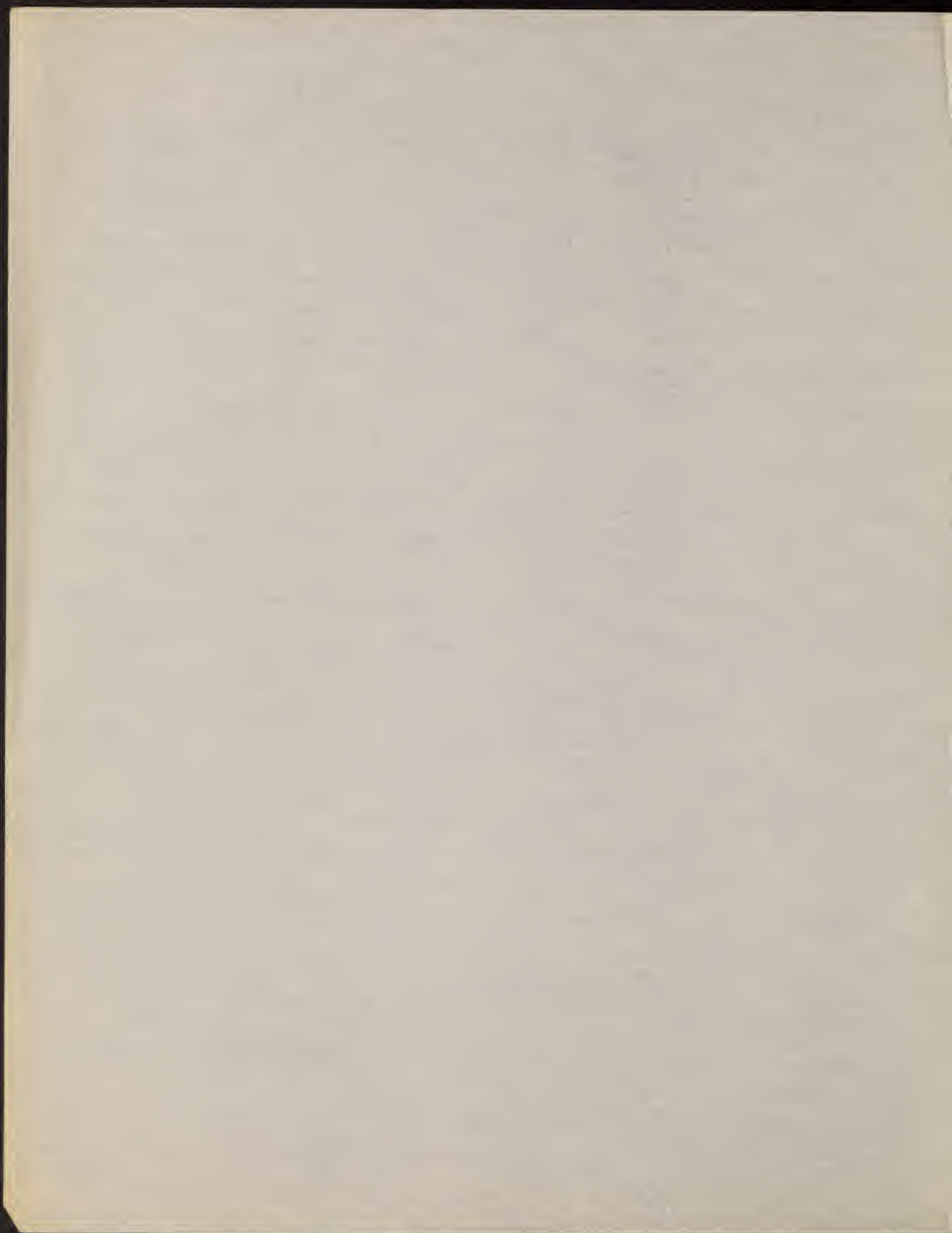


1858

- Apr. 8 The wife of the Rev. John Wesley German (Eliza Jane Purdy)
confined of a daughter at Wilton.
- Apr. 28 Mr. James Purdy and Miss Lenora Ashley, daughter of
John Ashley, Esq., of the Township of Kingston, married.
- May 4 Messrs Jane Fairfield and Eliza Jane Purdy here.
- Oct. 4 Mr. David J. Rankin of Collins Bay and Miss Eliza
Jane Purdy, supposed to be married today instead
of 4th of April.
- Oct. 28 Mr. David Purdy — son of Mr. Joseph Purdy, of Ernesttown,
and Miss Rachel Ann Switzer married by the Rev. J. Law.
- Nov. 1 The widow of the late Cap. Elijah Beech died — She was
a daughter of the late Micajah Purdy Sen. (in different
ink — Rhoda ~~Say~~ 31st Oct., aged 65 years nearly).

1859

- Jan. 18 The dwelling house, wood shed, &c., of Hazard Purdy, Esq.,
near Bath was entirely consumed by fire at evening.
Mrs. David Rankin confined of a daughter at her father's
(Mr. Joseph Purdy).
- Jan. 29 I wrote a deed and memorial for Mr. Joseph Purdy to
his son David.
- Feb. 1. Mr. David Purdy and wife here P. M. for a visit.
- Mar. 9 Jeremiah Purdy, of Ernesttown, Esq., died of a
complaint of the lungs.
- May 12 Mr. Samuel Purdy, near Waterloo, a son of the late
Mr. Gilbert Purdy, Sen., died.
- Aug. 8 Mrs. David Purdy (Rachel Switzer) confined of a son at-
night.
- Aug. 22 Mrs. S. Purdy was here over night attending Matthew's little
boy who is very sick.
- Aug. 25 Mrs. S. D. Purdy here P. M.
- Dec. 21 Mr. Gilbert J. Purdy and Miss Elizabeth Hamilton, both of
the Township of Kingston, married by the Rev. Wm. Burns.



1859

Dec. 28. James Freeman, Esq., and Miss W. Purdy, daughter of John Purdy, Esq., both of Brighton, married by the Rev. W.S. Scott, Wesleyan Methodist.

1860

Apr. 18 Mr. Cheldin Hawley, son of Mr. James Hawley, and Miss Beulah Purdy, daughter of Mr. Gilbert Purdy, of the Township of Kingston, Bath Road, married by the Rev. Mr. Sanderson, Episcopal Methodist.

May 1 Mr. Ralph Purdy raised a barn on his father's farm.

Aug 18 Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., had a valuable horse destroyed last night by the Cars on the Rail-road track.

Dec. 25 Mr. Samuel Randolph and Miss Ann Wright, both residing at Messrs. Purdy, Ernesttown, front, married.

1861

Mar. 1 Missionary Meeting at our School House at evening; Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., in the chair;

May 3 Mrs. Mehetabel Holmes, widow of the late Micajah Purdy, Sen., died at Waterloo, Township of Kingston; she was his fifth wife.

June 18 Mr. Jacob Purdy, Jun., son of Mr. Joseph D. Purdy, of Ernesttown, front, and Miss Nancy McDonald, daughter of James McDonald, Esq., of Fredericksburgh, formerly of the Township of Kingston, married.

Oct 24 Mr. Ralph Purdy, son of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., and Miss Sylvia Maria Haines, daughter of Mr. Thomas Haines all of Ernesttown, married by the Rev. George Young.

Dec. 24 Mrs. Joseph D. Purdy and Mrs David Purdy (Rachel Switzer) here for a visit.

1862

Mar. 24 Mr. Joseph Purdy, of Portland, lost one of his infant Twin children, called Alfred.

July 13 Mr. Joseph Purdy's surviving Twin child, Albert, died. See 24th March when Alfred died (Mr. J. Purdy of Portland).

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1862

- July 29 Messrs. Joseph and Ralph Purdy here
- Aug. 28 Mr. Joseph D. Purdy had a horse killed and another badly injured last night on the Railroad by The Cars.
- Sept. 17 Mr. Thomas Purdy, of the Township of Kingston, and Miss Daley, daughter of the late Mr. David Daley, married.
- Oct 24 Mrs Ralph Purdy, of the Town of Ernesttown, confined of a daughter.
- Oct. 29 Mr. Samuel H. Purdy, son of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., of Ernesttown, and Miss Rhoda Ann, daughter of Calvin H. Day, Esq., of the Township of Kingston, married by the Rev. John Wesley Coleman.

1863

- Jan. 8 Mr. John Purdy, of Murray, and brother of Samuel D. Purdy, Esq., of Ernesttown, committed suicide by hanging himself.
- Jul 29 Mr. Gilbert Purdy (brother of S. D. Purdy, Esq.) here P.M.
- Nov. 17 Ralph W. Purdy, Esq., and Miss Mary Greenleaf, both of the Township of Brighton, married by the Rev. William Coleman.

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425 W. San Jose Ave.

Fresno, California, October 25, 1961

Dear Dr. Burleigh:-

You probably will recall that my wife and I called on you in early September of this year and you helped us with our problem regarding Purdy relationships. The information you gave plus that from my mother's letters fixed beyond any doubt that my grandfather John Purdy of Salem was a member of the David Purdy and Abigail Ostrom Purdy family. The names of this family and considerable about their descendants and their activities I received from you and elsewhere.

The story and history of John Purdy himself and his wife Anna Fretz I have in considerable detail. The story of his suicide you furnished to me corresponded exactly with my mother's letters about it. There is much to learn about the brothers and sisters of John Purdy and likewise about their descendants. At the top, however, you have straightened things out.

There is much to learn about the first families of the brothers and sisters of great grandfather David. Especially about the brothers who came from the States of New York - Joseph, Samuel, Micajah, David, Jesse and Gilbert, Jr. Already we know something but need more. All we have relates mostly to David which is most important to me, of course. The two enclosed outlines connect at the top, I feel quite sure, but I do not know where.

Inquiries I made and friends at Kingston convince me that relationships there relate back to some of David's brothers. However, some of David's sons seem to have settled there also such as Micajah, Joseph, Gilbert and Samuel. Your notes explain about the old stone house and Samuel and Joseph near Collins Bay who settled there. All this needs much more study.

One of David's sons Ruliff married a Deborah Gilbert, a widow, and settled in Salem where he became influential and wealthy- notes from diary of ****. I would like to know as much as possible about this Ruliff because it has an important bearing on other relationships around Trenton.

I am also anxious to get more detail about this idea that Abigail

D. Purdy

The first of the papers in this part of the volume is by Mr. H. H. S. Gurney, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The second paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The third paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The fourth paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The fifth paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The sixth paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The seventh paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The eighth paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The ninth paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art. The tenth paper is by Mr. J. H. St. John, on the subject of the 'Prehistoric Art of the British Isles'. The paper is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the art of the British Isles, and is well illustrated with numerous photographs of the various objects of art.

John Purdy.

Very sincerely,

John Wesley Master.

P.S. I have a lot more information at the bottom but no more at the top. *of this outline.*



425 W. San Jose Avenue

Fresno, Calif. -October 25, 1961

Dear Dr. Burleigh:-

The following two pages represent a brief copy of an outline of Purdy relationships including a number of friends and distant relatives but with no connection that I know of with our family directly.

You will recall that information from you and from my own mother and from other sources fixes positively that David Purdy and Abigail Ostrum were my great grandparents and that John Purdy, my grandfather, was David's son. The rest of David's family were Micajah, Betsy, Elizabeth, Mary , Joseph, Jacob, Ruliff, David, Gilbert and Samuel.

I have a good deal of information about my grandfather John and likewise some about his brothers and sisters. I would like a bit more. From you I learned that the original brothers who came from New York in 1783 were brothers of this David my great grandfather . That their names were Joseph, Samuel, Micajah, , David, Jesse and Gilbert. Also that Gilbert Sr. never left N. Y. but died either in the British Army or about to join it near Newburgh on the Hudson. Can you tell me where this Gilbert Purdy ^{of enclosed outline} who married Hannah Gould (born and buried in Canada) is related to our group? Sorry about the dates. It is only through a personal study that I was able to supply the dates of Eleanor Purdy, a daughter of Gilbert and Hannah. This Eleanor is the grandmother of a friend of mine in California, named Rhea Waite. Question: Is this Gilbert Purdy a son of one of David's brothers) David, my greatgrandfather, the father of

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Ostrum was mentally deranged in a hereditary way and that this showed up in her descendants. Since John Purdy, one of her sons, was my grandfather, this would prove worth knowing. Pointing to my grandfather John who committed suicide, this one example is not enough. Suicide, as you know, may be temporary insanity but has not been proven hereditary insanity necessarily. I have followed up the descendants of John Purdy and find over one hundred and sixty with no signs of insanity in any that I know of. And, in fact, superior intelligence, education, wealth and influence way above the average. That is the family of John Purdy down through four or five generations. Jacob Purdy, a brother of John, had a daughter Jennie. Now Jacob married a Fretz, a sister of John's wife. Jennie married Ridley Purdy, a son of John Purdy (Ridley was my uncle). This Jennie was a double cousin to Ridley. They had one son who grew up normal but she became insane. That is the only case that I know of.

I would like to know more of this family Fretz. Anna Fretz you will recall was John's wife and my grandmother and her sister married John's brother Jacob from around Newcastle.

You showed us a pamphlet from, I believe, the university or college that explained about David Purdy and his activities with the U.E.L.s and his being one of the first to receive land and the first to come to Kingston and one of the five brothers (or six) to come from New York in 1783. You said you thought you could get one for us. If you cannot, please send us the proper address. Possibly one is for sale.

When we left Kingston, I wrote and told you that we would be home in October. We visited the Gaspe, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, and traveled over 1500 miles by rented car around Toronto, Brighton, Trenton, Castleton, Kingston and other places visiting many cemeteries and many friends and relatives. Our trip to Canada was a real pleasure. We learned a lot about my mother's people. She was John Purdy's daughter and a brilliant woman. Our son Malcolm was valedictorian of his college class and a first in surgery and scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1942-45

He is an internist M.D. here in Fresno.

I sent you a check for \$100.00 which you have not cashed unless lately because we want to get more information about the Purdys and hope you can find time to get more together. We admire your efforts greatly and we appreciate any help you can give us. We are especially anxious to delve into any pamphlets or bibliography or outlines of other Purdys which might be connected. We hope to interest some of our Purdy relatives into following up our study and your study as far as the Purdys are concerned. We deeply appreciate your fine treatment and hope you are well enough to help us. I expect to get out a preliminary mimeograph outline of what I have learned thus far but would like to hear from you before I do so because it will be incomplete enough.

The two enclosed outlines may be out of line or you may be able to connect them to our Purdys. I expect to get more into each one from the bottom but the beginning is too indefinite for me to connect them from what I know now.

Very sincerely yours,

John Wesley Masten.

SHIBLEY GENEALOGY

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Absalom Shibley (Henry³ John² John¹) (1839-1875) married Catherine Purdy.

Ida, married N.J. Leslie.

John H. (died Haileybury Sept. 20, 1928) married M. Kingston.

John Amey (Betsey (John² John¹) and Joseph Amey) married ----- Purdy.

Horatio Day (Emily (Jacob³ John² John¹) and Absalom Day) married ----- Purdy.
child Eleda Day.

Charles Day (brother of Horatio above) married ----- Purdy.

children: Ernest D.

Percy

Ida

Morley

September 8, 1954

Mr. Wilson Robert Purdy, aged 84, of Detroit, Mich., here renewing acquaintances. He was born in Elginburg in 1870, son of Robert Purdy, whose wife was a Berden, of Kingston Township. Wilson's grandfather was Jesse whose wife was a Lard or Laird. Robert had two brothers who died in Toronto and two sisters, Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Counter whose husband kept a hotel on the Sydenham Road about 3 miles north of Cataraqui.

Wilson, when grown, farmed on Burley Street, Ernesttown (between 3 & 4 concession), north of Bath. He later moved to Detroit where he now lives.

He had heard of Hazard Purdy, vaguely, but did not claim relationship. The same applies to Micajah.



was owing to the Distresses of the Times, which were then beginning in 1775.

Vals. the Improvmts. at L 300 besides what was to be paid to Col. Philips.

Produces Lease & Release from Samuel & Winifred Purdy, Father & Mother of Claimt. to Jacob Purdy, Henry, Gilbert, Gabriel, Saml., & Gilbert, Jun., of all the right which Saml. & Winifred had in the estate of the Grandfather under his Will. They state this right to be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Grandfrs. Estate, 1782.

Marginal Note: Loyal, bore arms to be allowed for improvements legacy.

Witnesses to the Claim of Gilbert Purdy

A New Claim Lodged in England.

374. Evidence on the Claim of Gilbert Purdy, late of New Burgh, Ulster County, New York. Montreal, 25th Feb., 1788.

David Purdy, son to G. Purdy, deceased, sworn:

G. Purdy was a native of America. In 1775 he lived in Ulster County. He joined the B. Army in 1777 at New York. He entered into the Guides & Pioneers & died on his passage to Philadelphia.

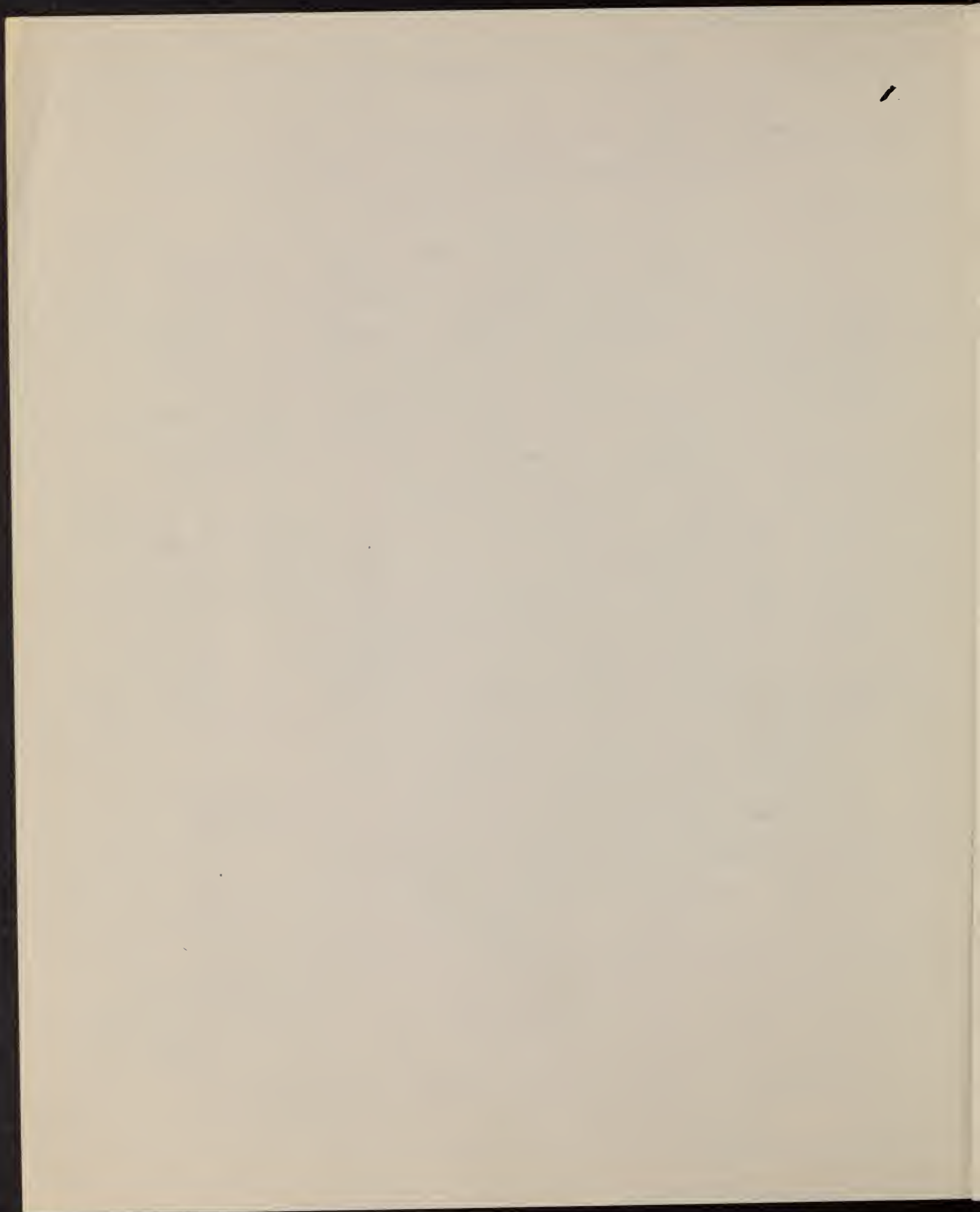
Wits. came to the B. Army at New York in 1776 & served one year in the Guides & for the remainder of the war he worked for his subsistence.

He came to Canada in 1783. He wintered at Sorel.

He now lives above Cataragui. His father left a wife & 4 Sons, 4 Drs., viz., Claimt., 2nd Gilbert in Canada, did not join the Brit. Army; 3rd Mecadia, in the States, but was in Canada last year; 4th Samuel, in the States; 5th Mercy, married to Capt. Everitt at Cataragui; 6th Rhoda Purdy, Cataragui; 7th Mary, in the States; 8th Charlotte, in the States.

Believes that his father made a Will but he has not got it.

300 acres



300 acres at New Burgh purchased many years since. 160 acres were in cultivation. He had good Houses & Barns on it. Says it was worth L 4 York per acre in his opinion.

His mother lives on the farm although the Land has been confiscated but not sold. His mother has been in Canada.

Says that his father had 3 yoke of oxen taken from his farm, 5 milch Cows, some young cattle. He had 9 Horses taken, 40 Sheep, 10 Lambs & some Hogs, a large quantity of grain & Hay.

A new Sloop just built; she rotted on the Stocks, 40 Tons burthen.

Claimt. produces order from an American Committee to quit the States & to return to N. York 11th June 1783.

And several certificates of sale of Personal Property of Gilbert Purdy.

He allows that his Mother is in Possession of the Estate, but the Personal Estate is lost.

Produces Judgt. Passed agst Gilbert Purdy late of New Burgh 29th Decr., 1783.

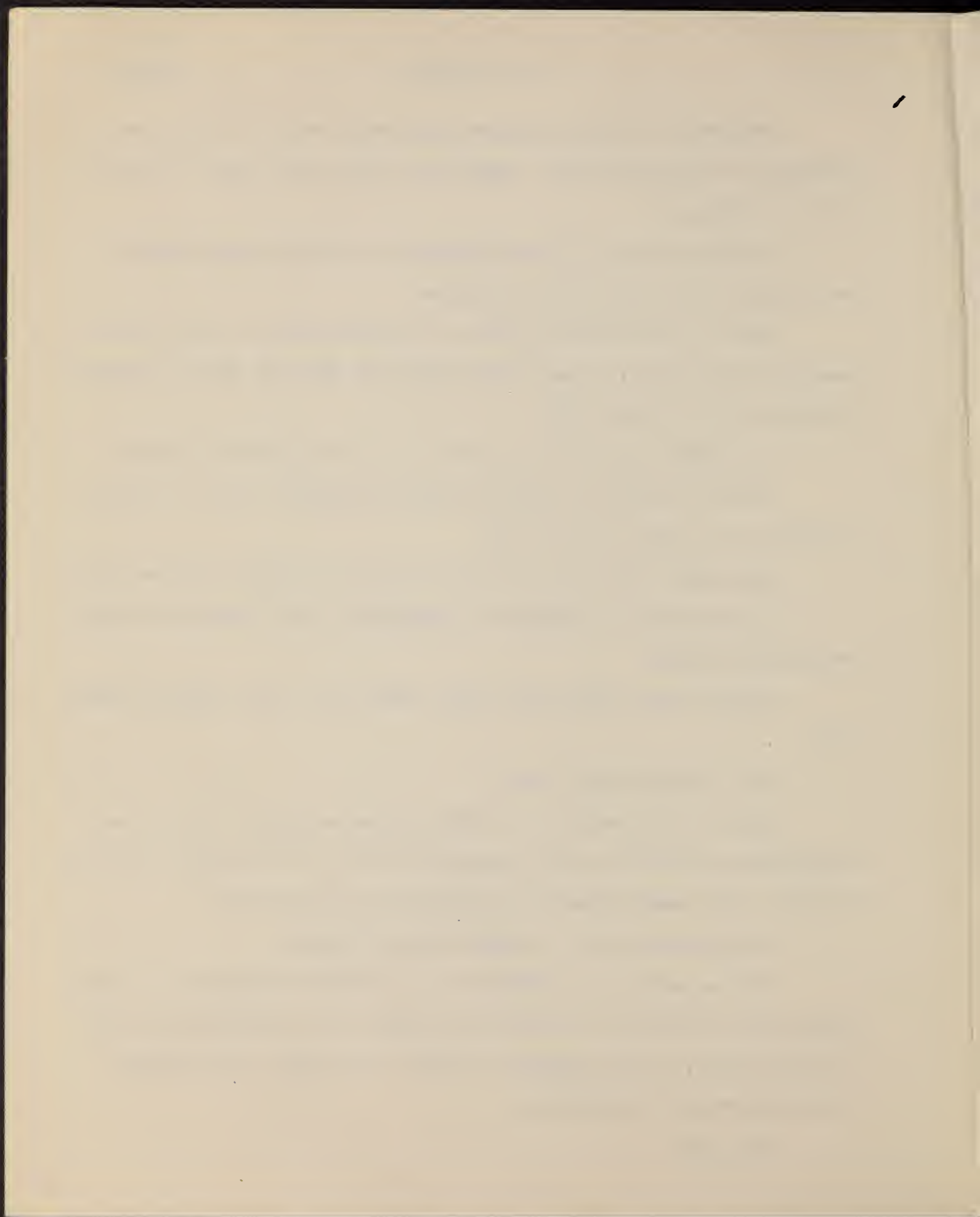
Wits., Gilbert Purdy, sworn:

Says he is the 2nd Son of G. Purdy, Deceased. During the War he was in the States--he was too young to serve. Says that after the peace he came to New York & came round to Canada by Sea with his Br. Capt. Everit.

He now resides with his mother in New York State.

Says his mother is in Possession of his father's Lands--but the Lawyer McKisson has informed her that she has no title to sell this Land, as it has been Confiscated, and they suppose or suspect that he has a title for this Land purchased under Confiscation.

They left



No they left a good part of the Stock. He says the rebels only left her a Cow & Mare and a sloop on the stocks 40 tons burthen.

Claim 644

No

Samuel = W. m. f. d.

James Henry Gilbert Samuel

Gilbert Jr.

Claim 274

No

Gilbert
d. c. 1784

David Gilbert Micajah Samuel Henry Rhoda Mary Charlotte
= Capt
Everett

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Hartford Times 5 Mar 1955

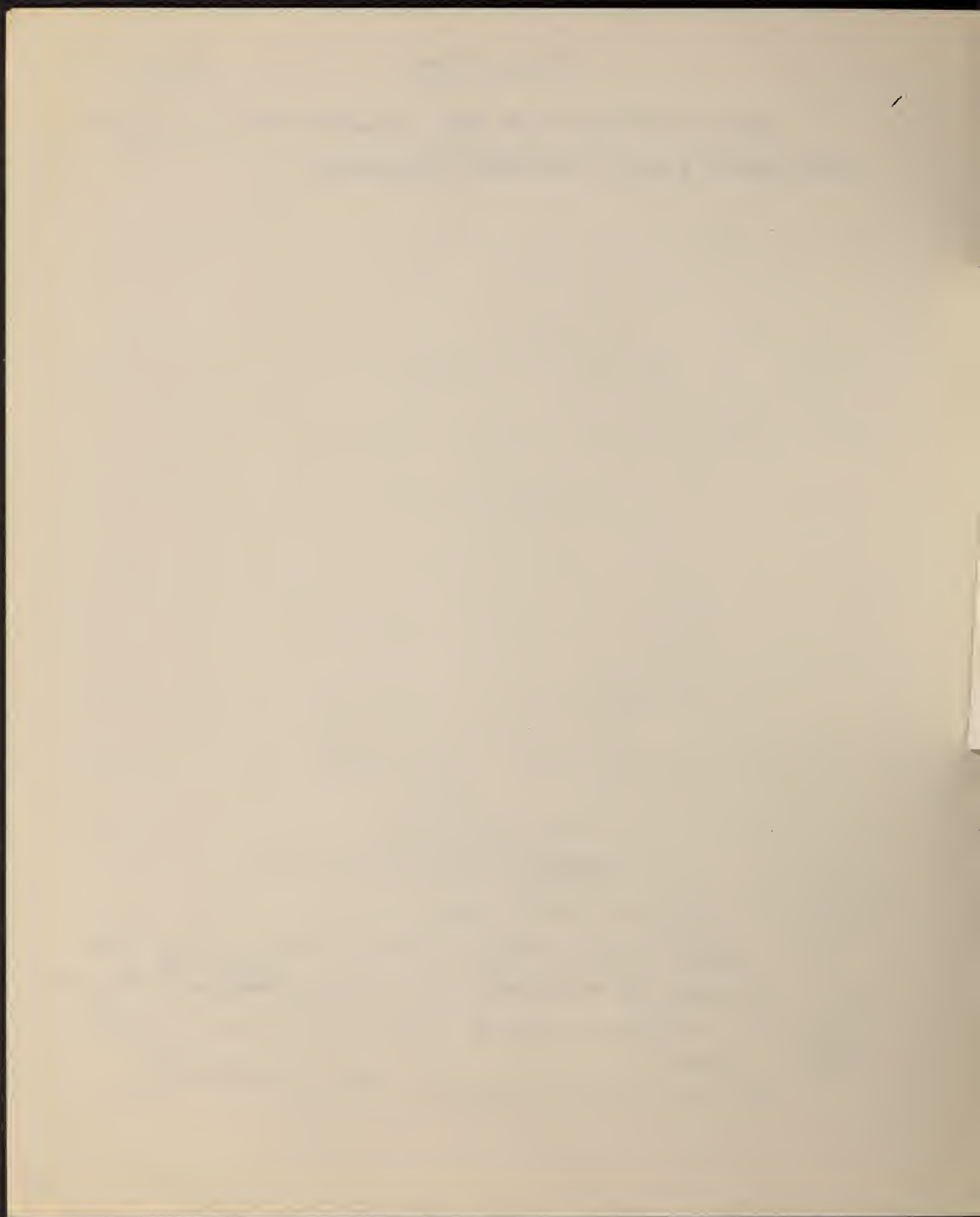
Answer 13

B 7070 Purdy (U.P.W. Oct 23 1954

The (undated) will of Susannah (1st husband was Ogden) Sutton
of the West Patent of North Castle, widow of Thos. ~~Greenwich~~ ^{Sutton} ^{late} of Greenwich
Legacy to Rachel, wife of Thos. Purdy & her three sons, Gilbert,
Stephen & Jesse

Ref early will of Westchester Co NY (Pellentress)

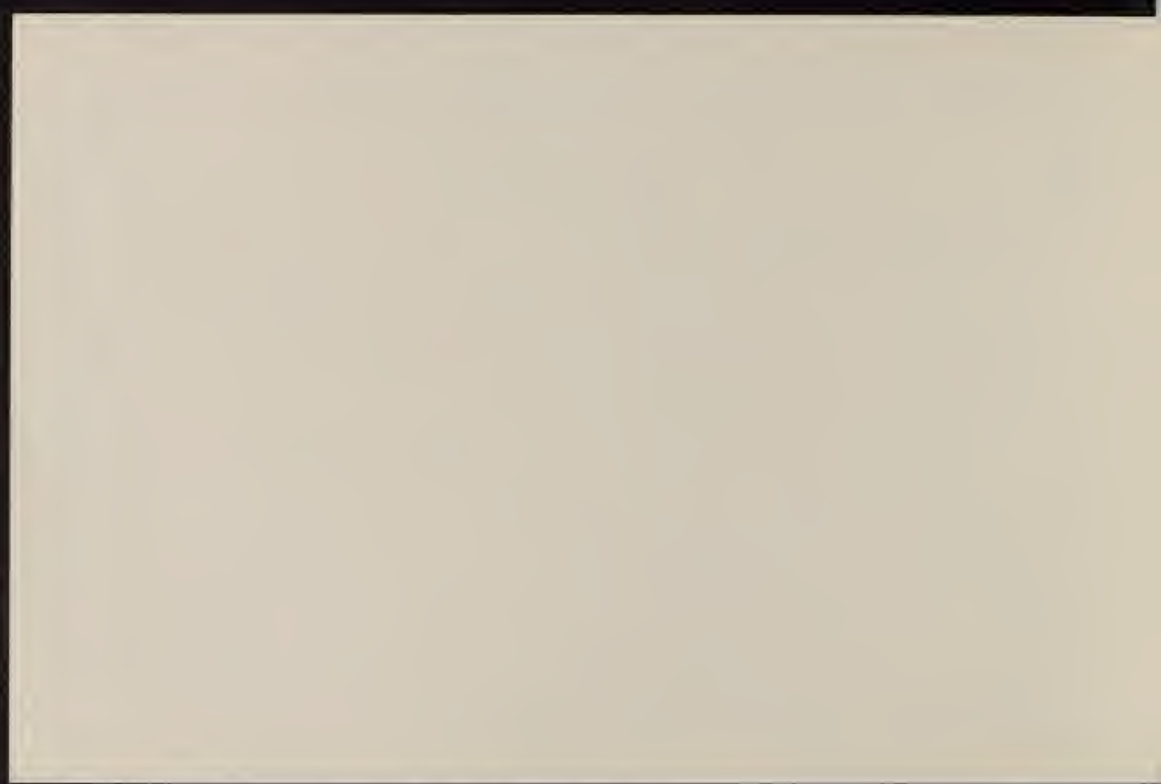
J. J. B.



micajah

~~1~~ 1
Gilbert- Makagee Jacob ² Ruloff
Purdy = Anna & reliz for Jane
9 ch. 1813-1902 David
W. W. Masten = Emma Purdy
1853-1887 Tabitha
Jones

? Dorland
Julia ~~Clarrie~~
F. L.



Dear son

Malcolm Master M.D.
1143 W. San Bruno
Fresno, Calif.

H. C. BURLEIGH, M.D.
BATH, ONT.

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For.....

R

John W. Master
425 W. San Jose Ave
Fresno, California

Formerly Professor of Agric
and Scien Fresno State College
Fresno, Calif

Shamrock hotel

PHONE LI 6-2266

671 PRINCESS STREET

KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Purdy:-

Mr Gilbert

McKague

Jacob - { Millie married John Rose
M-? { Jennie " Ridley Purdy.
Ruloff { David's daughters married } Willis
Shepherd.

Joseph

Samuel

David

Tabitha m. a Jones m. a Farley W^m

Another sister m. a Dorland.

John.

These are brothers and sisters of John Purdy who is the father and Anna Frety the mother of the Purdy family which includes the following all of whom except one I can trace down to the present

Shamrock hotel

PHONE LI 6-2266

671 PRINCESS STREET

KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Purdy's:-

1 Mr Gilbert m Ostrom

2 Micajah
~~McKee~~

3 Jacob M²

a daughter of one
Married Dr Day - Trenton

4 Ruloff

5 Joseph

6 Samuel

7 David

8 Tabitha m Jones

9 Sister Dorland

John m Anna Fretz

{
Mellie m John Rose
Jennie m Ridley Purdy { Don Purdy
David { daughter m Willis
Wesley { m. Skelton.
Ben

{ Jane Ann Jones { Hazel Farley
Warden Farley
Mabel Farley { Jack
Dr Frank Farley { Farley

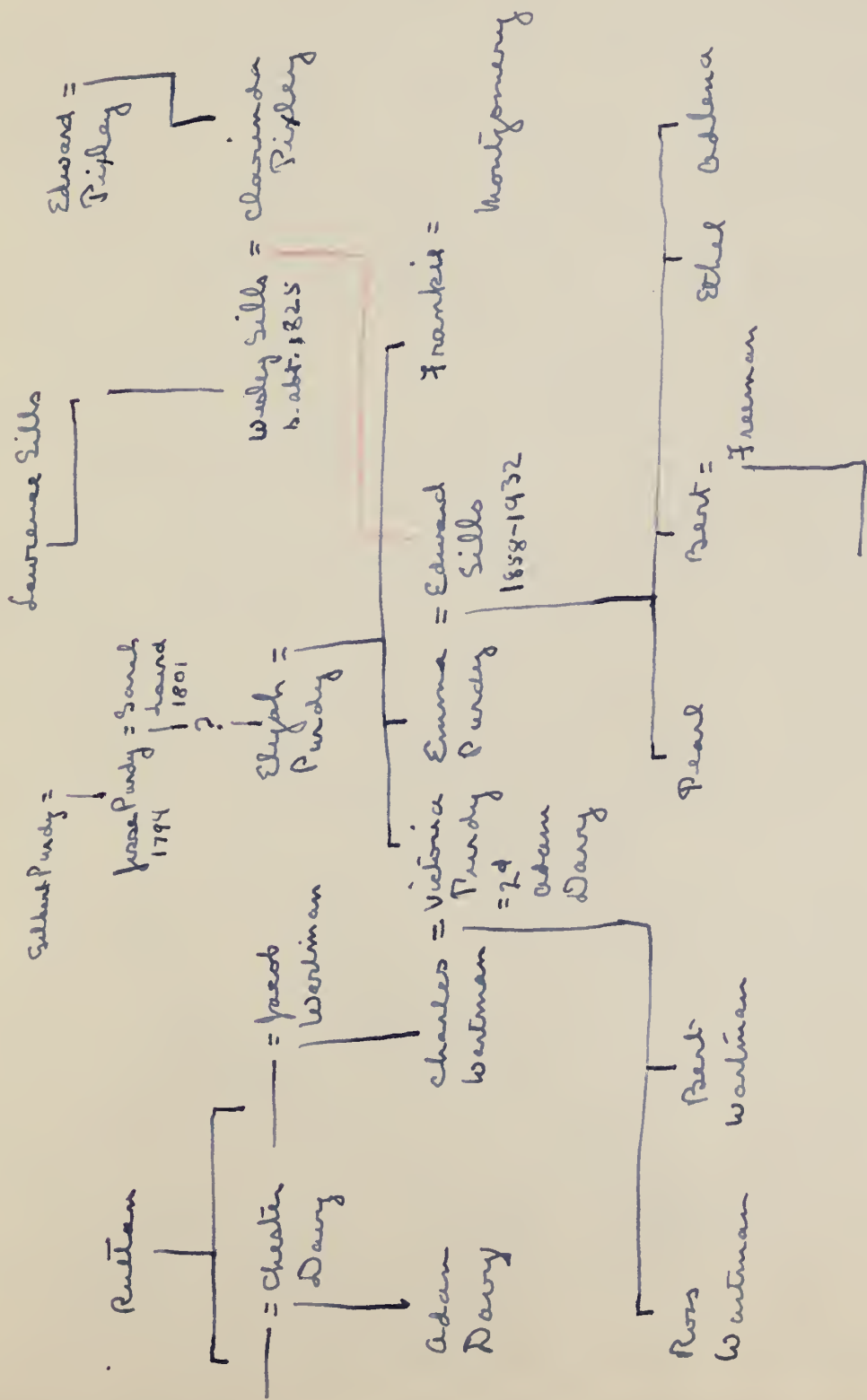
{ Julia
Carrie
Flo
Ridley m @ Ireland & a Purdy.
Lewis m a Rose
Samuel m - Palmer
David m @ Greenleaf
Charles ?
Ralph m - Palmer
Phillip - ?
Tina m James Vrooman
Emma - W. Masten

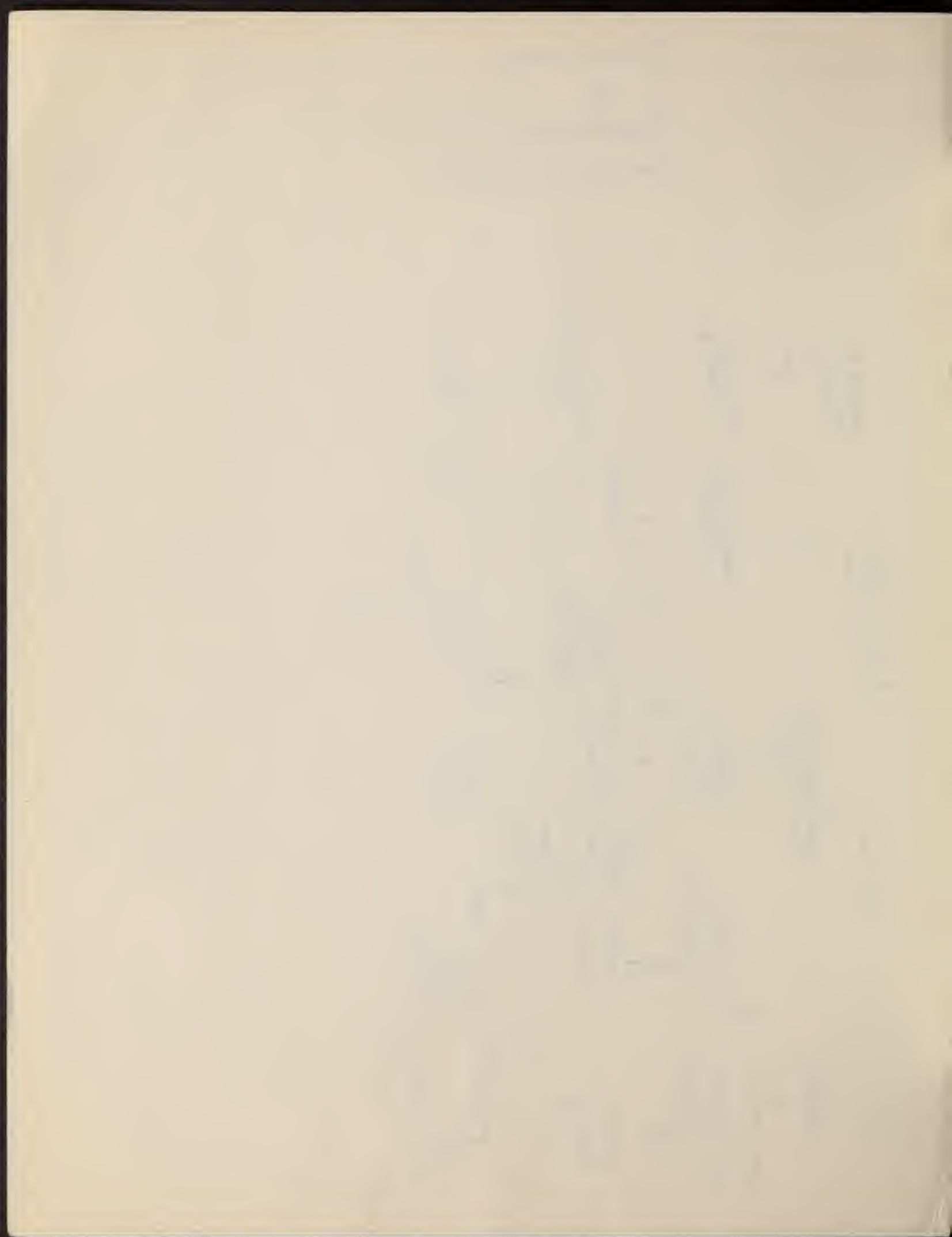
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	Feb 30	Wilmington	Del.	Left for	
	Mar 1	Wilmington	Del.	Arrived	

1874
April 1st
Dear Mother
I received your letter of the 27th
and was glad to hear from you
and all the family. I am well
and hope this finds you the same.
I have not much news to write
at present. I am still in the
same place and doing the same
work. I hope to hear from you
again soon. I am your affectionate
son,
John Smith

Sills - Purdy
of
Sydenham
(Mrs. Wm. Phippen)





Weyh Sa Bk 1 p 29

Mrs. Thomas Hinch
ne Mary Purdy

South Napanee

d (June 1908) aged 78 yrs after illness of several weeks
lived in Kingston before her marriage

married first to Mr. Sheppard

was at the home of her niece, Mrs Newlands of
Kingston

Survived by 2 stepdaughters

Mrs Chas Perry, Latimer

Mrs. Joseph Frankler, Winnipeg

2 daughters

Mrs. Daly Hann, Fredericburgh

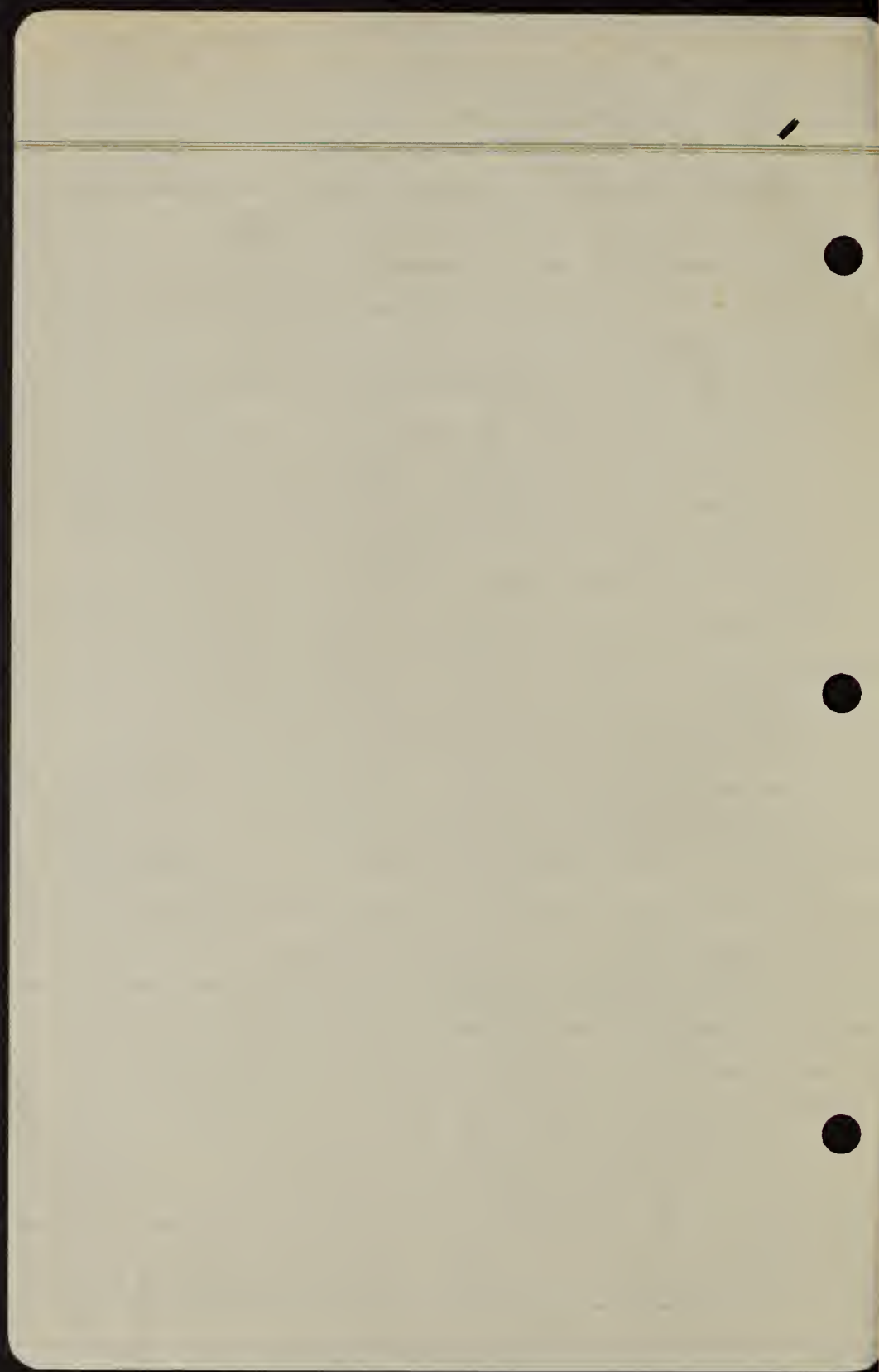
Mrs. Dr McVeaty, Toronto.

2 sons

Ogden Hinch, Winnipeg, Man

S. P. Hinch, Carnar Man.

Buried at Eastern Cemetery



Diary of the Revolution

Rivington's Gazette Apr. 20. 1775

March 28.— This evening was married, at the White Plains, Westchester County, New York, Mr. Gabriel Purdy, youngest son of Mr. Samuel Purdy, to the agreeable Miss Charity Purdy, daughter of Mr. Joseph Purdy, both of that loyal town. What particularly is remarkable in the affair, is this, the guests consisted of forty-seven persons; thirty-seven of whom were Purdys, and not a single Whig among them.



Census of 1861
Portland Township

Purdy

Gilbert Purdy	29
Elizabeth ..	23
Missy .. Farmer.	62
Catharine ..	54
Matilda ..	24
George	20



~~ask Gordon Hapley re old Purdy deeds to locate father
of Hazzard Purdy.~~

Harrowsmith Cemetery

Joseph Purdy d. Jan 26, 1879 aged 50 yr 1 mo.

W. J. Purdy, d. May 17, 1879 aged 23 yr 8 mo

(Charles Purdy: dau. - Juanita & Keetha)
of Purdy's Corner

Catawagus United Cemetery

Gilbert Purdy, d. Jan 5, 1851, aged 88 yrs.

Ann Eliza Jennings, h. w. d. Oct 4, 1844 aged 73 yrs

Henny Purdy, d. Nov. 4, 1865 aged 28 yrs

David Purdy d. Feb 18, 1845, aged 14 yr. 11 months

Nicholas Herchner d. 15 Oct 1809 aged 38 yr 9 mos.

Charlotte Purdy, h. w. d. Aug. 30, 1843, aged 70 yrs

Mary Matilda, wife of Micajah Purdy d. Nov 1828 aged (30?)

Catherine, wife of Micajah Purdy d. Mar 23, 1876 aged 66 yrs

Murvale Cemetery

Gilbert Purdy 1830-1885.

Elizabeth Purdy 1838-1898

George Purdy 1838-1898

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is too light to transcribe accurately.]

"Burling Head"

Purdy

Pittor

Valentine =

d. 1826
a 87 yr
(b 1740)

T (5)

= Jno
Embury

= Daniel
McMullen

= Daniel
Dunham

= Chas
Dulmage

Ann

= Micajah
Cundy

Diary of the American Revolution

from

Newspapers + Original Documents

by

Frank Moore

(Ray Freeman's
Library)

Chas Scribner 1860

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Rivington's Gazette, April 20, 1775

Samuel
Purdy

Joseph
Purdy

Gabriel = Charity

28 Mar 1775

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NOTICE TO
REPORT FOR
DEFERRED CLASS 2 TREATMENT

Appendix "A"
to C.L. 1946

.....
(Place)
.....
(Date)

Name.....
Service No.....
Address.....

- (1) Medical examination indicates that you require treatment.
(2) It is necessary to defer your treatment until.....,
on which date you will report to.....
(3) Effective the date of admission to treatment, you will be credited
with pay and allowances equivalent to those issued to you immediately prior to your
discharge.

.....
for District Administrator, D.V.A.

Veteran's signature.....
(Detach original for veteran)

Information for District and Head Office use.

Date of Discharge.....
Date reported to D.V.A.....

Diagnosis on Discharge.....

Other medical evidence indicating condition present at time of discharge.....

Reason for Deferment (Indicate by "X" in appropriate square)

☐ (1) Lack of treatment facilities. Explain fully.....

☐ (2) Medical judgment due to veterans condition. Explain fully.....

For Head Office Use

Approved
Date for D.G.T.S.

Not Approved
Date for D.G.T.S.

Distribution

Upper half of original to veteran
Duplicate to Head Office

Purdy

L. B. O.

Gilbert 11.19.89 with Ref. of Ostrum lot 18 conc 1 Sidney

" 6.17.97 conc 1st lot 3 Tp. Hamilton

Joseph Jr " lot 26 conc 1 do.

Caleb 11.13.97 L. B. Cert. Rec 200 if not granted before.

Charlotte 11.11.97 als. Hardman; Praying for lds as U. E.

Rec. 200 as U. E. L.

Gilbert 11.16.97 Mary wid. of Gilbert. praying for

Mary } for. lds & lds. in her own right. Rec. 200

for herself & 350 ac. for. lds, or for so much

thereof as she may be able to establish

her claims for by affidavits.

Micajah 1798 lot 47 conc. 2 Kingston.

Muster Roll Tp. 1 Kingston 9 Oct 1784.

David 1

loyalist Fam on ld back
concession.

List of unincorp. Loy. desirous of Sett. in Can. 2 Feb 1784

David 1.

New York in the Revolution

Estates Confiscated

Enoch

Gilbert

Held Papers (may 41)

List of Ref. Loy. excl. those grant. & res. at Dep. Posts.

St David Purdy 1

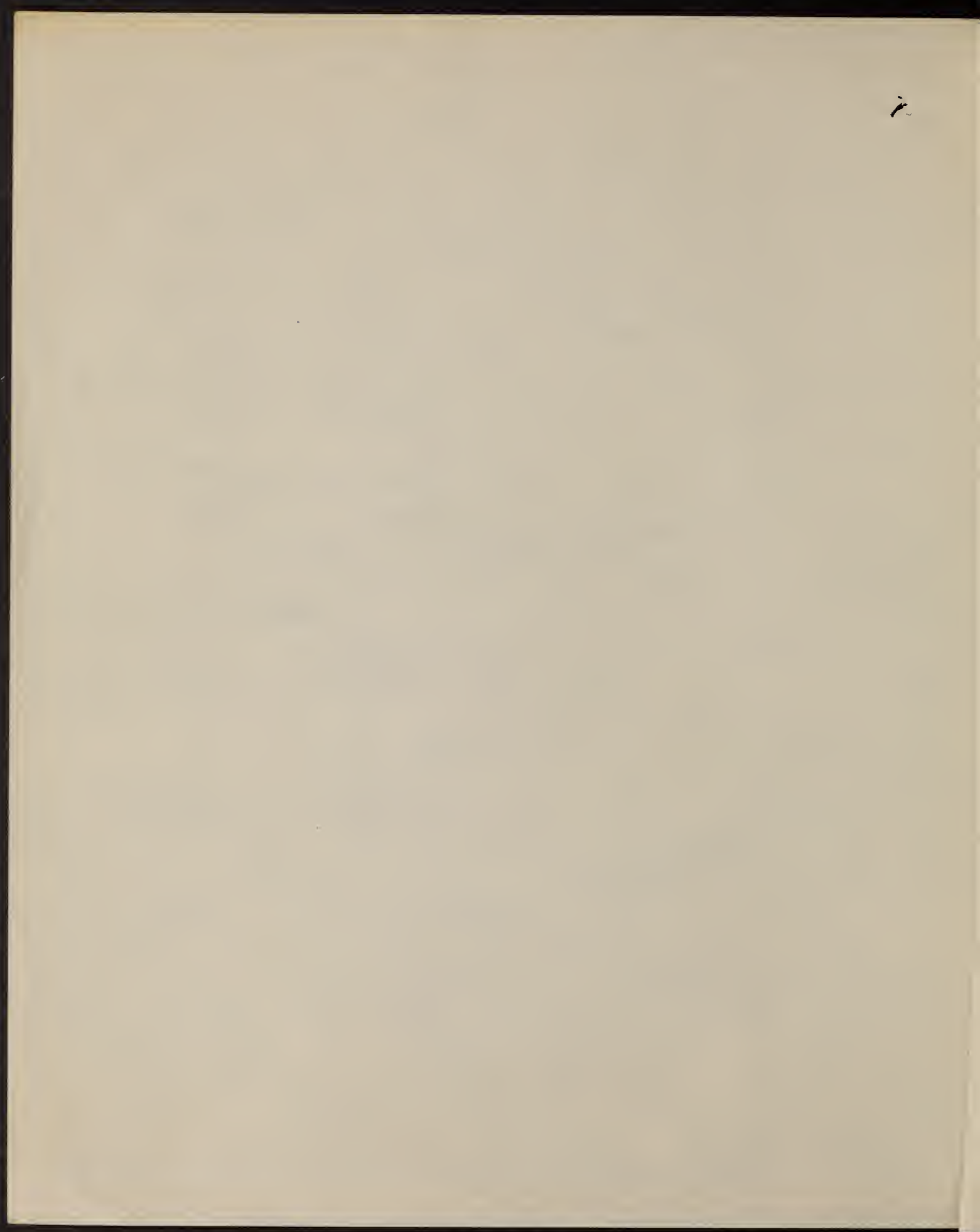
Carpenter

Gilbert " 1

"

St. George's Ch. Register

Joseph R. Cavuley & Mary Purdy married 4 Jan 1809



John Carhart, Thos. Sawyer, Gilbert Brundige,
John Thomas, Wm Sutton, Anthony Miller and
John Adde all of Rye for a charter of incorporation
for their church (protestant episcopal) granted.
V. 29, p. 10.

1770. Mar. 21. Charter of incorporation granted for the episcopal
church at Peekskill to Beverly Robinson, Charles
Moore, Jeremiah Drake, Caleb Ward, John Johnson,
Joshua Nelson, Thomas Davenport and Henry Purdy.
V. 29, p. 372.

Joseph.

Pat. ed in Westchester Co. 1696.

|

Daniel of Rye N.Y.

Pat as son of Joseph 1720.

Caleb, Joshua, Joseph.

of prot. episc. ch. Rye N.Y. 1764

Henry

of prot. episc. ch. Peekskill, N.Y. 1770.



Calendar of Council Minutes

Purdy.

N. Y. State Library Bulletin 1920

Q. L.

Daniel Purdy

1720. June 17. Petition of Jos. Budd, John Hoit, and Daniel Purdy, son of Joseph Purdy deceased (see L. P. 7:159) v. 12, p. 133.

- ✓ ✓ 30. Orders on petition: by Daniel Purdy, Saml & Benj. Brown (see L. P. 7:171) vol. 12 p. 136.
- ✓ Jul. 7 Petition of Capt. Jos. Budd, John Hoit & Daniel Purdy (see L. P. 7:180) referred. v. 12, p. 142
- ✓ ✓ 14 Patent to Joseph Budd et al. (p. 142) v. 12, p. 145.
- ✓ ✓ 14 Samuel Odell having entered a caveat against the patent to Daniel Purdy et al. (p. 136) (see L. P. 7:190) called before the council. v. 12 p. 145.
- ✓ ✓ 28 Caveat entered by Cadwallader Colden against patent to Joseph Budd & others of Rye (see L. P. 8:4) v. 12, p. 154
- ✓ ✓ 28 Patent granted: to Joseph Budd et al. (p. 142, 145) v. 12, p. 154.
- ✓ ✓ 28 Hearing on caveat of Thos. Byerley & petition of Daniel Purdy (see L. P. 7: 171, 190) referred. v. 12, p. 154
- ✓ ✓ 30 Warrant of survey granted to Daniel Purdy, Saml & Benj. Brown for land on ~~Byer~~ Byram river. v. 12, p. 158.
- ✓ Aug 11 Patent granted to Daniel Purdy, Saml & Benj. Brown (see L. P. 8:17-19) v. 12, p. 164.

Joseph Purdy.

- 1696. Feb. 11 Petition for land in Westchester county by John Harrison referred to the surveyor-general, Joseph Theale, Joseph Purdy, & Joseph Horton. v. 7, p. 176.
- 1702. Feb. 9 Sheriff of Westchester county, Jonathan Scribner, John Horton and Joseph Purdy called before the council, v. 8, p. 308.
- 1764. Nov. 16. Petition of Peter Jay, Elisha Budd, Christa Inghart, Timothy Wetmore, Caleb Purdy, Joshua Purdy, John Guion, Joseph Purdy, Gilbert Willet, 16



Brisco Farm

Bath Out

Nov 9. 1937

H. C. Burling M. D.

Bath Out

Dear Sir. Your letter of Nov 6th to hand.

I cannot help you with your questions

The foundation on side hill about half
way between the line fence & the Shink's barn
my Mother told me that was a lime kiln.

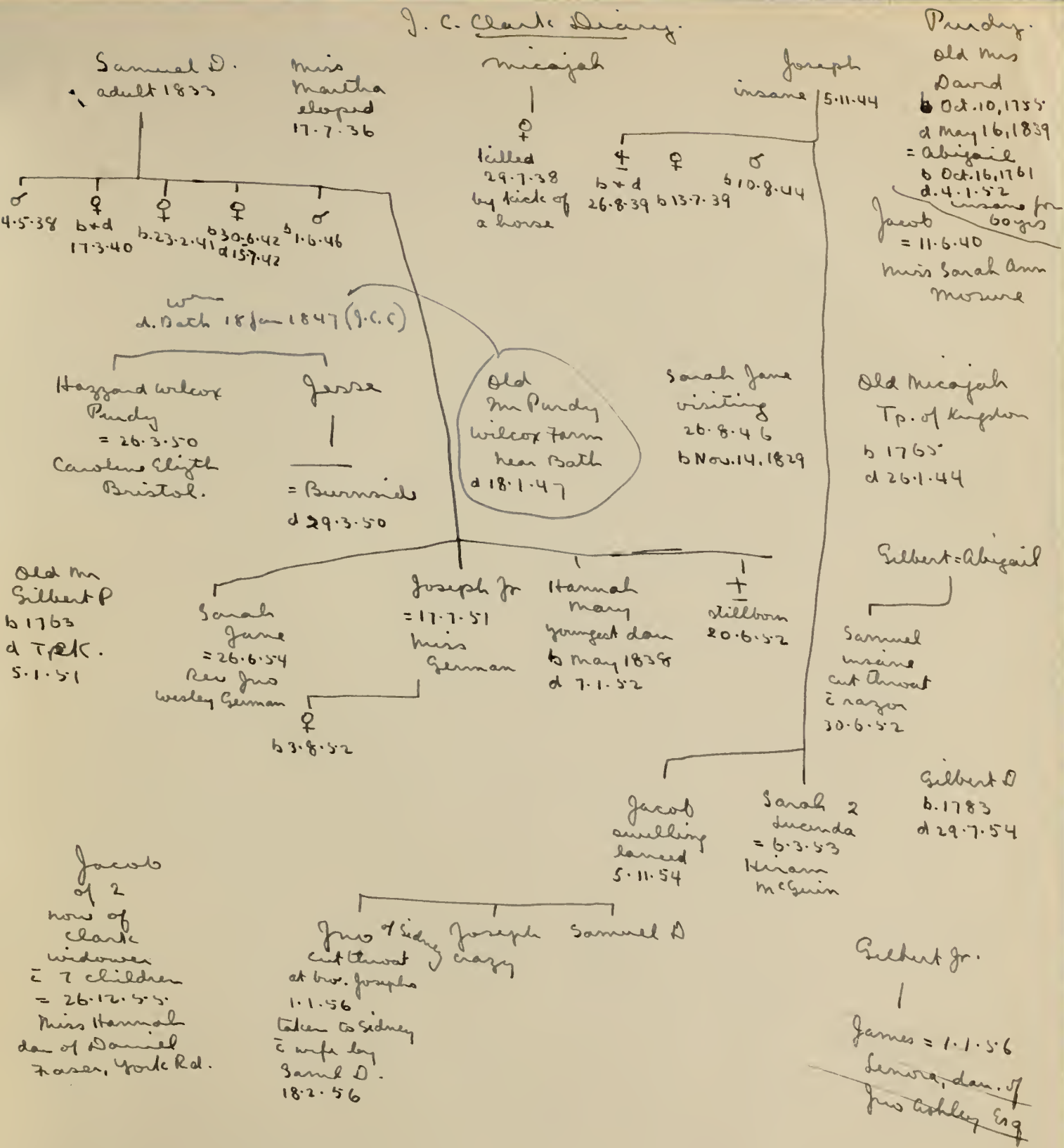
The square stone out house. was a smoke house

I do not think there is any living person
can tell you where the wharf was or where the
boats were built. I would be pleased to
attend one of your meetings if told when &
where.

Yours truly
Lemuel S. Purdy



J. C. Clark's Diary.





Oshley 2.3
Allen 7
Abbott 18

Hartman 11
Holmes 18

Bristol 2.6 7.9
Burnside 2.5
Brisco 7.10

Shubley 4
Harting 6
Sands 18

Lockwood 18

Card 4
Clapp 18

McMullen 20
MacPherson 9
McLennan 2.5

DeLor 18.20
Gale 4
Dunham 20
Dulmage 20

Mosure 2.6

van Alstine 4

Edwards 4
Everitt 1.12.13.14.18
Embury 18.20

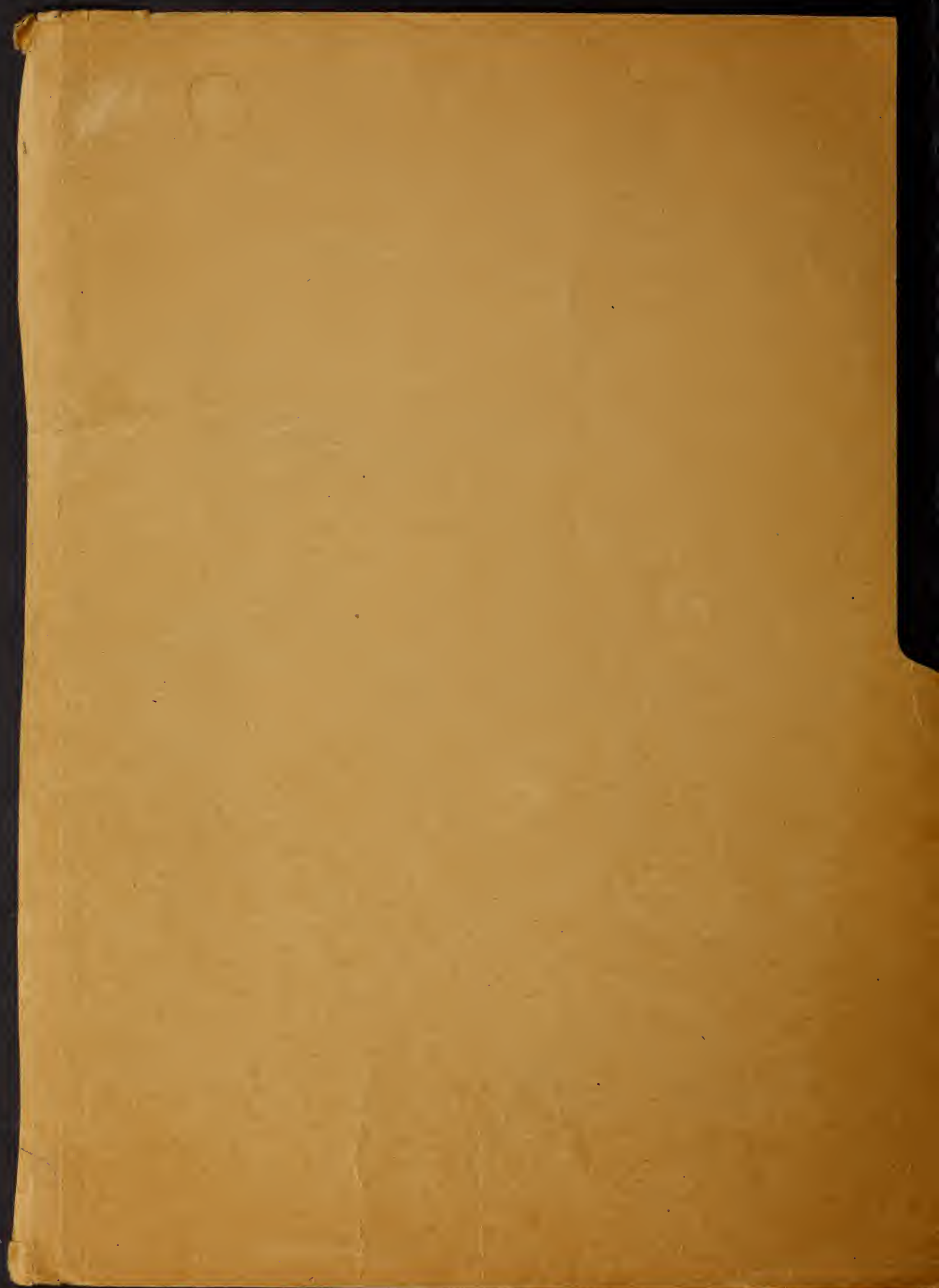
Wilcox 2.6
Woodward 18

Fraser 2.3
Fretts 6.18

Ostrum 11.18

Palmer 4

German 2.5²
Crane 2
Gilbert 4.18
Garbutt 5
Goldsmith 18



Dr. Masten Is Named To Head Hospital Staff

Dr. J. Malcolm Masten, an internist, is the new president of the Fresno Community Hospital's medical staff.



Dr. Joseph C. Woo, Jr., is the new vice president and Dr. Burton R. James is secretary.

Drs. William N. Knudsen and Hugh Awtry, the outgoing president, were elected to the medical advisory committee of the hospital's board of trustees.

Committee chairman for 1962 are:

Drs. Knudsen, credentials; Walter A. Rohlfing, house; Howard R. Kennett, medical records; Richard H. Whitten, surgical; Jack J. Jacobson, medical; P. Wilson Matlock, general practice; J. M. Arthur, Marvin H. Moore and James M. Vergon, obstetrical-gynecological; E. R. Egan, anesthesia; R. W. Willoughby, pediatrics; Paul Levy, psychiatric; Clell C. Gray and Edward Leef, program.

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PORTERVILLE

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Wilson

Jan 28

Dear Hester

I received a letter from
you a few weeks ago, was
going to answer it then
Albert said he was going to
right to some on the winter
come on so fast & cold he seem-
ed to be, so at our house is
not very warm, he said he
would ask Dexter for some
money, & he thought he had the
most he was seen, & he had a
place spoke for to work, when
he got there, I told him I won-
ld right when he got through
he said that would make me

2

Diference if they did not
have it - they would say so
then when I got your letter
last week, he said he
was sorry he sent, & I was
sorry, he said not trouble
any thing bout it, he will
try & git along the work
may start early, the
work stoped so soon
this fall, & get so cold a
good many sick we are ~~not~~
quite well, your Picture
was nice we both
laughed to see how well
you looked & glad to git
them

If we are here it might be
you good. Please answer
soon as you get this. Let
me know if you get it
I had a good Christmas
& hope you did. I thought of
you & your kind invitation
it might do you good to
come on a little trip like
this if we go any other place
I will let you know
as ever your loving friend
Mrs Adeline Frost

The snow is all gone & it is raining & quite warm. At night he told me that I got a paper from Canada with all our Purdie's death, & a long piece about the Purdie's family, like you sent us only more of it. Grandfather use to hold meetings in his house there was no church there, our grandmother was a Purdie according to that. our father was the first boy when his father died he got 3 or 4 nice farms, gave one to his two sisters one was drowned in Pittsburgh my father was young when his father died, they said he was me looking,

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Wagon little rebate way of in
the west her oldest son is at
port William ^{Ontario} he is a Bachelor
there & makes lots of money
after his mother & the 2nd
left Napanee & Selby this
oldest Boy & sp has sold his
farm at port William, & went
to the west & took up land
he did not like it sold out &
came back to port William
& bought a farm last summer
near the city & a good market
& a creek run through it
like our old farm at
L. Harrow Smith & quite a
falls, I sold him for
his first one I told
him he should go to
his father & mother, he was not

57 Brother David is buried
in the yard, he did not
go, he always said to me
ever since I first left
Canada & so did Brother John
on the front the last I saw
him he left him on the boat
& cried, I often thought of
he & David the same way
he wanted me to stay longer
but Charles was sick &
Albert was fighting for me
& I only hope, to all meet in
Heaven & your kindness to
when a person does me a
kindness I never forget
it, & wish I could do some
thing for them but I can't
do what I would like to, but
go out all you can & get strong
I am going, right soon for

Rev J. W^m Lamb's Thesis,

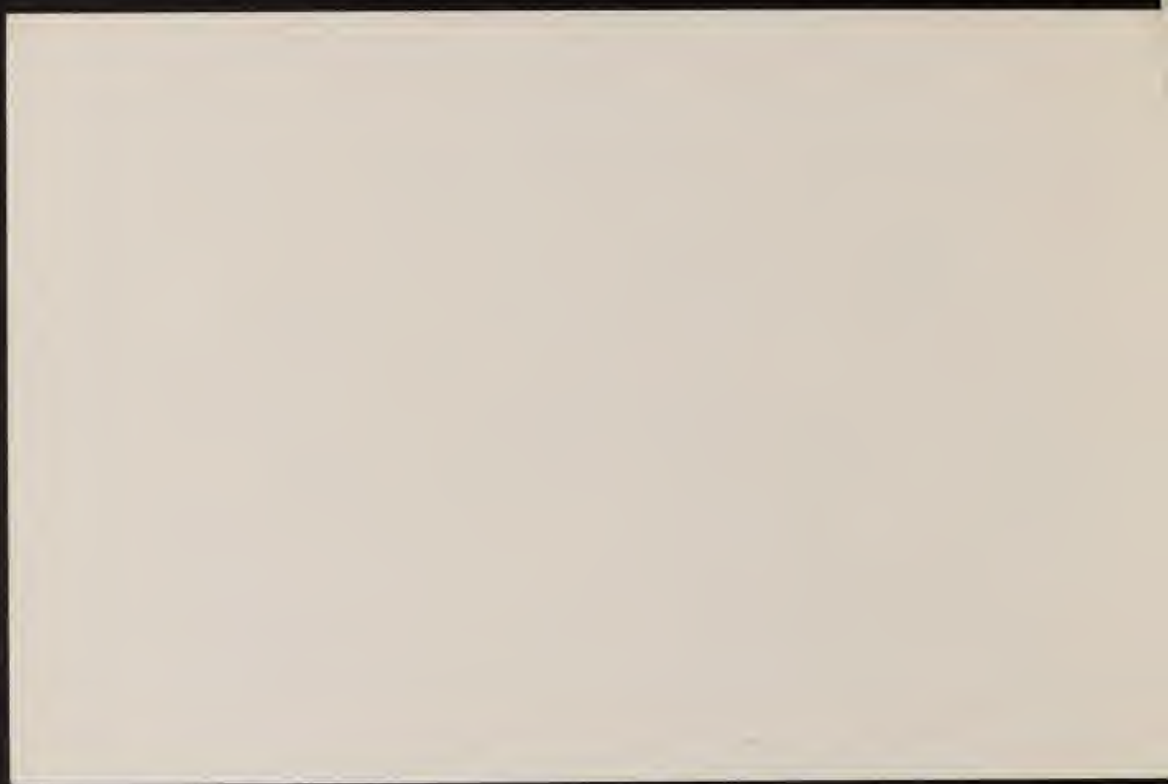
"A History of the First Methodist Church
in Kingston Township
Now Cataragui United Church"

P. 33

Added note (in ink)

Miss E. Burke of Kingston tells of a jingle she
used to say as a child:

"Mi'jah Purdy, who is he? Kissing bugs, or
Bumblebee?"



425 West San Jose Ave
Fresno, Calif. 1/13/62.

Dear Mr. Burleigh:-

This is just a letter of grateful appreciation for the wonderful material you have sent to us about our Purdy in Canada. It has built for us a framework on which we can build as long as our strength lasts. I am trying to locate one of the younger Purdys, on the job, who can carry on and keep me complete this task. I have been making a careful study as I am able of all factors concerned and I am amazed at the possibility of making this study a very outstanding one.

The bulletin by Mr. H. Pearson Gmely about Gilbert Purdy, David's oldest son, shows that he is interested in the Purdys. He wrote me an interesting personal note and enclosed another bulletin pertaining to the subject. I am thrilled to know that he is interested.

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Your and his notes ~~which~~ straightened me out about the Gilbert of Kingston ^{David's brother} whose descendants are written up so completely in "Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte" and the Gilbert who is David's son that Mr Gundy wrote about.

I am not putting my work aside. I have received the two folders of material you sent. I have spent much time in its study. I intend to continue and this summer if I am able I intend to come back to Canada to put things together.

I hesitate to continue asking you questions. You have been very generous. You are the only living soul who seems able to direct me in a direction I can follow. Every answer opens up a field to follow in my own research. I now have many leads in mind. I now have learned much from local sources. In due time I will put it together.

I still contend that old grandfather John Purdy was not crazy even if he did commit suicide. My mother's letters tell much about him. He had cancer. The doctor gave him a month to live.

He lived on the ragged edge for some years; the family had all left home on their own except my mother who was 10. I know the story of 9 out of his 11 children. Without exception his family turned out, and the descendants have turned ^{out} exceptionally successful. Lets call it temporary insanity. Certainly there are the descendants to prove it was not hereditary.

Now about Abigail Ostrom with the "mental aberrations". There Purdy would be too conceited if there were no skeletons in the closet some place. From your material and my mother's letters I gather certain facts. The two ^{youngest} sons John and Jacob went down around Sidney where Abigail's folks were after David died. They probably took the mother. The old home was left to Joseph and Samuel. The old mother died in 1852. John probably took care of her for many years. He took up his land in 1836 so did Jacob. There is much more to this. John and Jacob were close brothers. I have considerable history of Jacob's family and almost all about John. Abigail raised a large family of intelligent people. Their story is quite outstanding. No hereditary weakness.

anywhere unless the son ^{Joseph} ~~David~~ is the one
who tried to commit suicide as he got
older.

I could find no proof that this ^{Joseph} ~~David~~
was David's son. It seemed he was a son
of one of David's Brothers? Well no one has
proven that insanity is inherited or suicide is
a tendency or product of insanity.

Suicide in the U.S. is the 6th greatest
cause of death so I read. It hits every
degree of intelligence, wealth and social influence.
Since this Pseudo business has come up I
have been studying this problem. It appears
to be a disease for the Specialists in Medicine
easier to cure with less medicine than any
other if you can get at it in time.

I did not intend to make this so long.
Our son Malcolm age 42 a Specialist in Internal
Medicine... is climbing up. I am sending a recent
clipping. The Community Hospital is our largest for a
300,000. Community.

Cordially yours. John W. Masten.

J. C. Clark Diary

Purdy²

1847

Jan. 12 School Trustees, S. D. Purdy, Esqr., No 3; John C. Clark, No. 2; J. Purdy, No. 1

" 16 Old Mr. ^(Wid.) Purdy, on the Wilcox farm near Bath, died.

Mar. 22 S. Purdy & wife here P. M.

May 7 Two Mess Purdys and Miss Mary Garbutt here P. M.

1848

Mar. 9 S. D. Purdy and wife here P. M.

1849

Mar. 7 Temperance Meeting at Purdy's School House.



J. C. Clark Diary

Purdy

1833

July 6 Two days meeting began at Mr. Samuel D. Purdy's.

1834

Jan. 31 Robert Clark, Junr., got badly hurt on the knee by upsetting a load of Hay at Mr. Samuel Purdy's.

1836

July 17 Miss Martha Purdy eloped at night with a young man, a stranger in the place — but was recovered on Monday. P. M.

1838

May 14 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a son.

Jul. 29 Mr. Micajah Purdy's daughter killed by the kick of a horse.

Aug. 26 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined this morning, & lost her child.

1839

May 19 Old Mrs. David Purdy died aged 83 years 7 months and 6 days.

July 13 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined of a daughter.

1840

Mar. 17 Mrs. Samuel Purdy lost a female infant at night.

" 26 Mr. Jacob Purdy and Miss Fretter married.

June 11 Mr. James Purdy and Miss Sarah Ann Mesure married.

1841

Feb. 23 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a daughter.

1842

June 30 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined of a son at evening.

July 15 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy's youngest child died this morning.

1844

Aug. 10 Mrs. Joseph Purdy confined of a son in the morning.

Oct. 19 In a severe storm, with the heaviest wind for many years, Mr. J. Purdy's boat destroyed.

Nov. 5 Mr. Joseph Purdy, being insane, mutilated himself P. M.

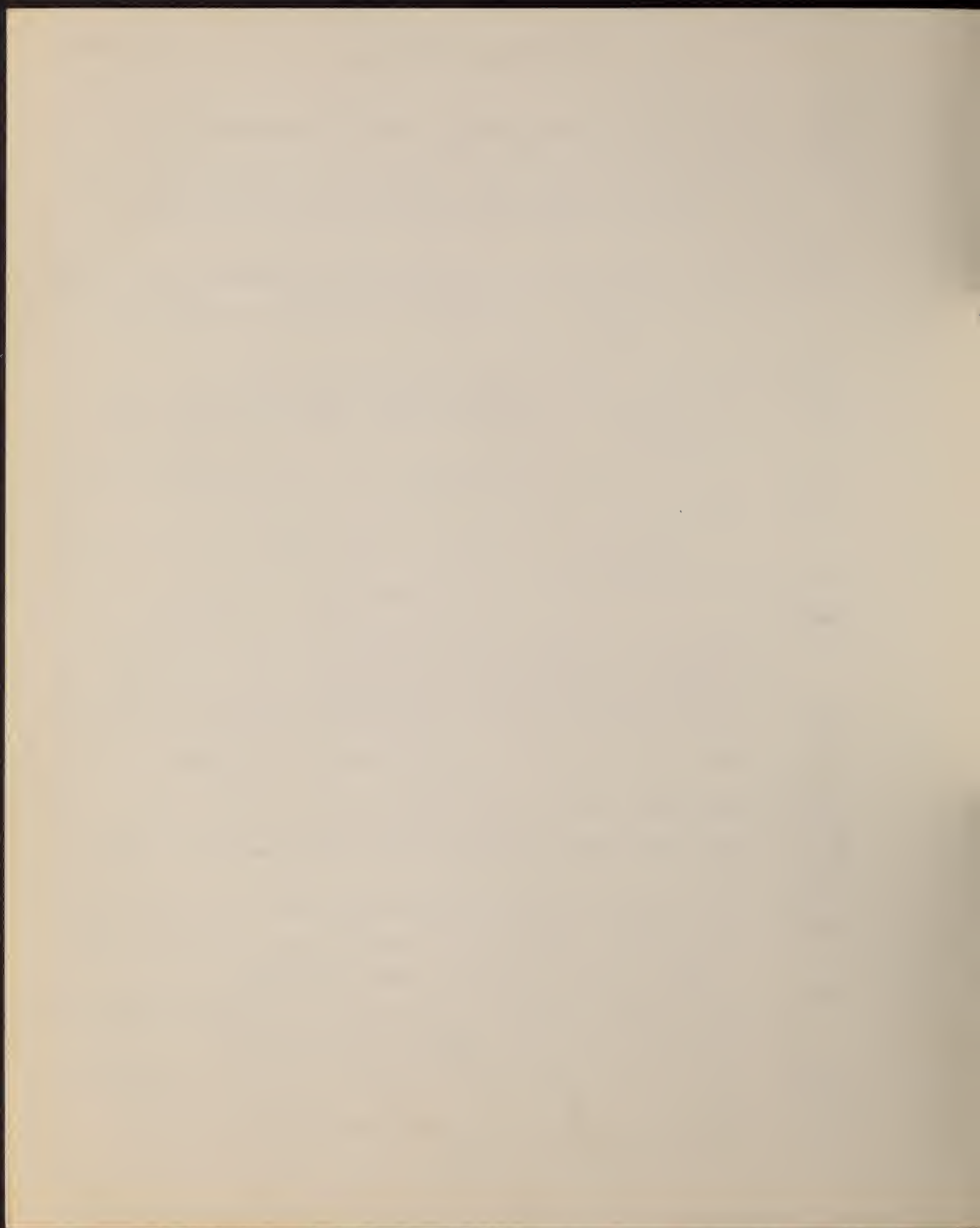
" 6 Mr. J. Purdy is not expected to live long.

Dec. 19 Went to Esqr. Clarke as a witness. S Purdy vs J. Sterling.

1846

June 1 Mrs. Samuel D. Purdy confined at night of a son.

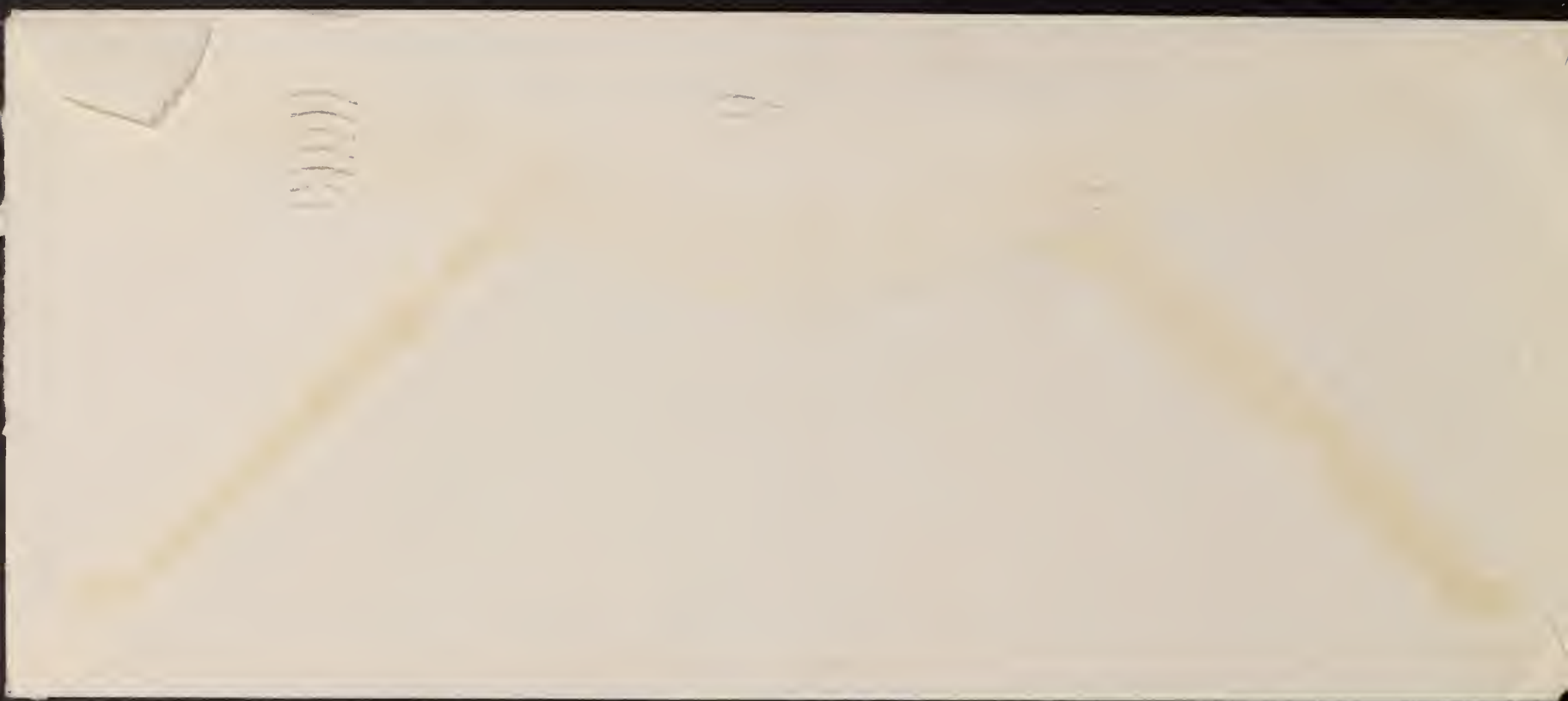
Aug. 26 Sarah Jane Purdy here.



Mr. & Mrs. Jonn B. North
7955 Forest Ave.
Dexter, Michigan 48130
U.S.A.



Dr. H. C. Burleigh
P.O. Box 9
Bath, Ontario, Canada



An ornate, symmetrical floral border in a dark, textured ink. It features intricate scrollwork, leaves, and small flowers, framing the central text area. The border is wider at the top and bottom, tapering slightly towards the sides.

Peace of God

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren,

whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,
whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report,
if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise,

think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received,
and heard, and seen in me,

do:

and the God of peace shall be with you. *Phillippians 4:7, 8, 9*



As the Years Roll Onward

Maurie G. Clay

I learn, as the years roll onward
and leave the past behind,
That much I have counted sorrow
but proves that the world is kind;
That many a flower I longed for
had a hidden thorn of pain,
And many a rugged bypath
led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds but cover the sunshine,
they cannot banish the sun,
And the earth shines out the brighter
when the weary rain is done.
We stand in the deepest sorrow
to see the clearest light,
And often from wrong's own darkness
comes the very strength of right.

So, the heart from the hardest trial
gains the purest joy of all,
And from lips that have tasted sadness,
the sweetest songs will fall.
For as peace comes after suffering,
and love is reward of pain,
So after earth comes heaven,
and out of our loss the gain.

*Our sincere thanks to the author
whose address we were unable to locate*

425 W. San Jose Ave.
Fresno, California 93704

Dear Relatives and Friends:

This our first Christmas and New Years letter is an introduction to our "Golden Years of Retirement". Our golden wedding is only a couple of years away.

Hazel Estelle Malcolm, my wife, was born in Sacramento in 1891. She entered the University of California from Sacramento High School on a Bonnheim Scholarship which paid her way through college. After five years, in 1914 she became a high school teacher at Weaverville, Trinity County California. Later she taught at Elks Grove, Kingsburg and Riverdale. Her subjects were Latin, English, Dramatics and Mathematics. We were married in 1916 and raised four children. Three were graduated from Fresno State College, and all were in the Service during the war. Maybelle was a nurse near the front at Liege, Germany, Wallace was a pursuit pilot with 67 missions in Burma, India and China. Malcolm was a doctor in Germany and Louise was a recruiter for the Waves at headquarters in San Francisco. We are proud of the war service of our children.

The writer has been a lover of lonely places in the out of doors on farm, ranch and mountains. He went to agriculture college at the University of California after six years of ranching on large horse and stock farms in Oregon and in the Imperial Valley, California. After college he became a farm management specialist on Miller and Lux ranches working from the San Francisco main office. Later he farmed in the Imperial Valley and after World War I became a "Specialist in Agriculture Extension" in charge of the new 4-H Club work in Fresno Co. Later becoming intensely interested in teaching the values of country living the writer stopped active farming interests for teaching agriculture and rural social problems and was appointed the first special full time agriculture man at Fresno State College. While at Fresno State College the family moved out in the country to a farm which we named "Millbrook Farm". Here we raised our family with all the room needed for growing all sorts of plants and animals. Eventually Millbrook Farm became a successful farm of diversified agriculture.

Many of you know that in 1959 we sold our Millbrook Farm with its ideals of country living and moved to a place out near the Fig Garden area. So now ten years since leaving Fresno State College we are really retired both from business and teaching. What we do or do not do is a matter of choice and disposition. We still keep pretty busy but we are so busy working in community service that we have no time to "work for hire."

Our family of 12 grand children and two adults make the Christmas celebration on Christmas Eve. a pretty big affair. After the dinner we all gather around the Christmas tree. There the presents are piled high. Hazel and I consider this eve. our big event of the year. However, the four other families bring this or that as a contribution to the dinner and many gifts for each others children.

Maybelle, our eldest with her husband Truit Thornhill has two boys Billy and Edwin. Billy is six now and Edwin four. They are two lively boys. Billy entered the first grade this year. Edwin goes to nursery school. Truit owns a paint and unfinished furniture store. Maybelle gave up her administrative nursing at the Veterans Hospital, a couple years ago, and is now a school nurse in the Fresno City School system. She now has more time at home with her summer vacations and shorter weeks.

Malcolm our oldest son has been a practicing physician since 1945. Malcolm and LaVerne (Ball) his wife have two lovely daughters Marilyn and Marlene. They are both musical and otherwise talented. Malcolm has received considerable recognition for his community service as well as in the medical profession of Fresno. He is a specialist in internal medicine.

Our second son William Wallace and his wife Betty Morris have three children. Johnnie is a junior in engineering at San Jose State College. He is 6'1" with broad shoulders and adept in several sports. He worked on the engineering crew of a road building contractor last summer. Wally and Betty have two girls. Kathy and Carol. Kathy is in high school now and Carol will be in a couple of years. These are two lovely girls also and active in outdoor sports. All of Wallys family are fine swimmers, making excellent use of their fine large swimming pool. Wally and Betty are talented and enthusiastic golfers and card players. Wally takes his seasonal turn at hunting and fishing in a large way. He owns, with his partner, a big laundry business which he and his partner, Johnnie Sinclair built up after he got back from being a pursuit pilot with the 10th air force in Burma and India. Like "Flying the Hump" Wally's laundry was a pretty tough job for a number of years. He is on top of it now, however, with a fine large new building, modern machinery and plenty of business to keep it busy.

Now we come to the family of our daughter Louise, who died from a strange sudden malady, known as Hodgkins Disease, in 1953. Ray Jensen her husband married again in 1960. Ray and Ann have a daughter of their own named Laurie, aged two on December 21st. She talks with amazing intelligence already and is a darling child. She is the youngest of the 12 we count as grandchildren though of course we have to fudge a little to count Ray and Ann's Laurie. Louise and Rays 4 children are growing up. Ann is a wonderful mother to them. The eldest are the twins, Marcia and Michael. They were 16 on October 14th of this year. We are real proud of their accomplishments in school and elsewhere. They are bright, sincere, ambitious and have excellent study habits. Patrick is the next. He had polio just before his mother's death. His legs have given him some trouble since then. This summer the doctor operated on certain muscles and it is hoped that eventually he will be as good as new. Pat is putting up a good fight and showing a lot of bull dog tenacity and grit. He is going to be on top one of these days. Judy is the youngest of the four. She is a year younger than Pat. She not only has an artistic temperment but also is a good student. Ray is an industrial arts teacher at Bullard High School. He has been president of the City Industrial Education groups and has had charge of adult night classes in industrial education. Ann, his wife, was a teacher who retired to get married.

Now for John and Hazel also known as grandpa and grandma. Since selling our home and business at Millbrook Avenue, we have traveled a good bit. We started in 1959 by going down to the Bahama Islands also took a Pullman trip around the United States with many stop overs. Hazel's brother lives in the Bahamas. In fact her old Scotch family of Malcolms have lived in Nassau for one hundred and seventy five years or more. We were there and at Spanish Wills, a nearby island, most of a month. We learned a lot about the old family in graveyard, church and tradition.

In 1960 we took a three months trip by sea on the steamship Mariposa (Matson line) through the South Seas. We spent nearly a month in New Zealand and Australia, another month in Hawaii and a third month divided between such places as Tahiti, Fiji Islands, Samoa and the sea. The ship was a palace and we really lived it up.

In 1961 we spent several months in Canada where I located my mothers people, the Purdys. I had never known any of them before. Old homes and old relatives were scattered widely. It was a real thrill to learn about those people.

In 1962 we stayed home because Hazel had a stroke, not too severe, however, and she is mostly over it but no one knows about such things. She limps some now.

This year 1963 we again took off and drove our car over 7500 miles from here to Toronto, Canada and return via So. Dakota, Wyoming and Yellowstone. We left our car in Toronto and flew to London, England via B.O.A.C. Jet. In England we took many short trips around London and one long trip of 12 days to Edinburgh, Scotland via the east coast areas and home via the west coast areas. Later we flew over to

Holland and then to Belguim and took tours of the cities and country side. We spent a month in England, another in Canada, and a third in the United States.

Hazel and I spent a week in Northern Nebraska locating the old sod house where the writer and his brother Charles were born - also the grave of our mother who died there when I was three. We found that grave with the old oak panel fence around it that my father had often told me about. We repaired the old fence, painted it, and put a head stone on the grave.

In our travels the writer has paid special attention to a study of the social welfare laws of each country visited. Our special problem pertained to the welfare of elderly citizens. In general, we found that the countries visited have more concern for the elderly and are doing more for their comfort and happiness than we are in the U.S. The attitude and help over seas and in Canada does not require that older citizens who receive a pension or medical aid in any manner be branded as paupers or down and outs before they get any help, as here at home. Older citizens are allowed to maintain a pride rather than be pointed out as needy victims of a cruel fate.

The above paragraph points out an object to travel other than sight seeing. As president of the local, 871 member, chapter 36 of the American Association of Retired Persons, the writer has assumed a responsibility that requires considerable time and effort.

Hazel and myself are likewise members of the National Retired Teacher Association. Our Fresno organization is a real live chapter. It has over five hundred members. Yours truly is co-chairman of the finance committee at present raising over \$200,000.00 for a memorial building and activity center.

Hazel participates in many activities, especially concerning rescue missions and other missionaries. Together we participate in various philanthropic enterprizes outside of our efforts in the Millbrook United Presbyterian Church where we are members.

The "golden years" after retirement age are truly a reality with us. Hazel and I are enjoying these autumn days in our lives. We were always too busy to realize that time was passing so fast until late fall was here in our lives, but we can sit now and enjoy the fall colors.

We have come a long way it seems to us, from the days of the horse and buggy. As youths we knew not of the phonograph or few home conveniences! Living on a farm was a primitive affair and out in the large fields or on the range it was windy cold and miserable! Mud, rain, wet clothes and sleeping under the stars was the usual thing. Or on the desert it was sand, wind and heat. There are a lot of we older folks still around who remember those days. The memory of it compared to the warm comfort of today makes us eternally gratefull for our blessings. Now our only demand for action is our conscience. We know too well that there are getting to be more and more who yet live that primitive life with less chance of ever arriving at the age of comfort, either for themself or their children.

As time passed we raised and educated our family. The war came and our home was broken up forever. Then came the fearful days but they all came back. We helped to build memorials to those who never came back. There were a lot we knew so well out at the college, memorials were an empty gesture that helped but little to relieve our heart aches.

Now those years of country living have passed except for all the memories. The marvel is that we in our time were born to witness so much and so wide a change from the simple to the complex of this push button present.

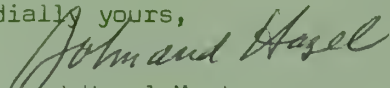
It was our glory that we have lived through the age of God's plan when man competed with nature and made nature over into his use in a marvelous way. The plants, the animals, the woods and the mountains. The use of all of these things were combined to give us a glorious feeling of success and happiness in country living. We could compete with nature and wrong no man. But no more is man satisfied with the glory of satisfying all his reasonable wants. So on and on he goes, taking the substance that would make this world all a paradise to create monsters of destruction.

So now we go backward to man against man when only a few can have peace and contentment.

We are the retired citizens. The land and nature gave us all and more than we will ever need. Now we sit on a hill and watch the push button struggle of those who often know not which button to press. These are the "golden years" for us and as the days go by we have the power to keep them so. We have a rich heritage of memories. We view the Kaleidoscopic present all around us, with concern. Even so we know that there is a future and all eternity if we do Gods will. Yes these are the golden years but yet "we see through a glass darkly" and we must strive even now to make them golden "lest we forget" Christmas comes to help us remember.

So we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John and Hazel".

John and Hazel Masten

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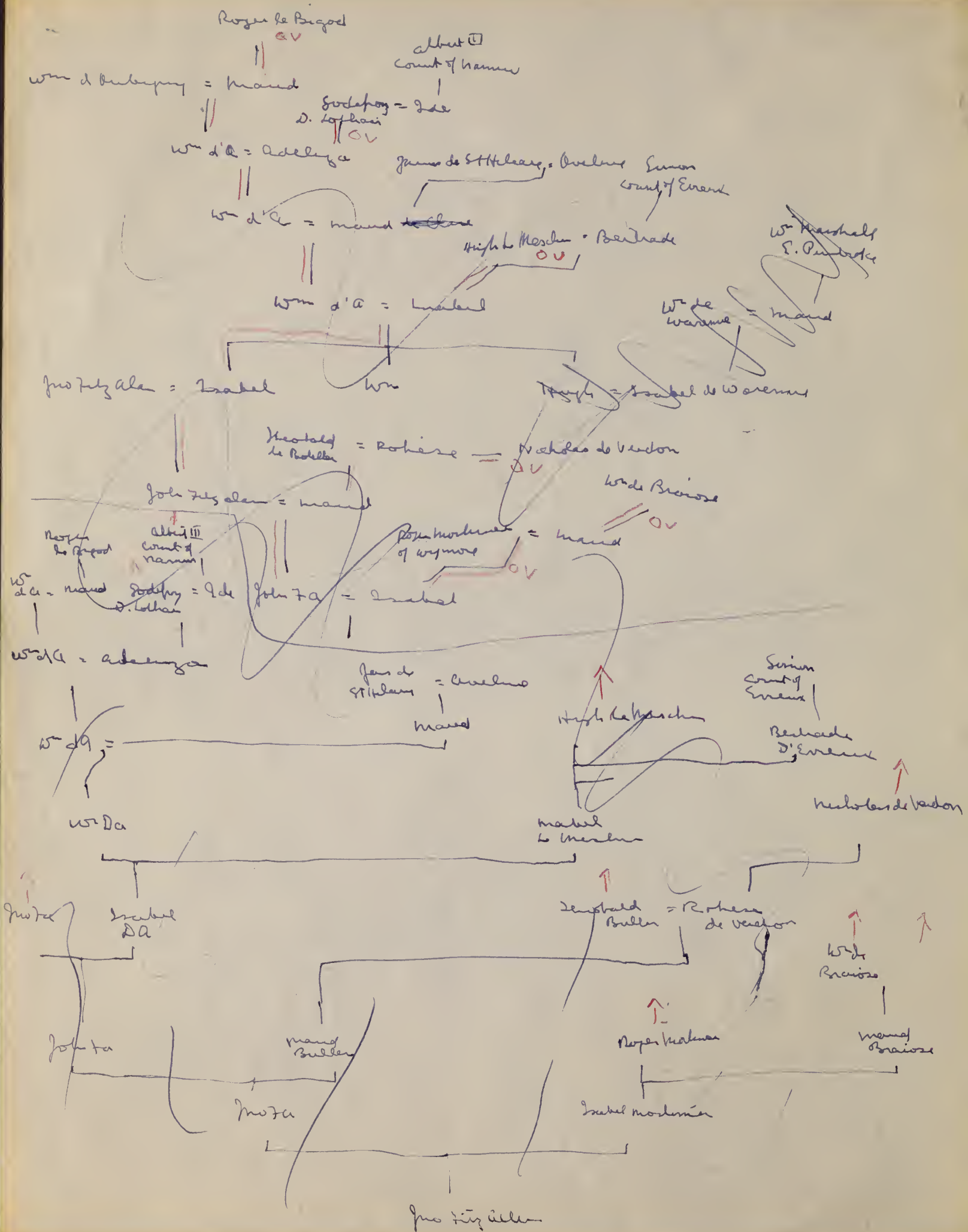
John
on the
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drowned in when young from Charles
Albeck = ? Albeck
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my Albeck
my Albeck

Sister = ? Albeck

Albeck family = Henry A. Lewis

Rebecca
married from Hampshire & Albeck
Albeck
a brother is
Ft. William
def.
now has farm
near city
retired

James
21.1.1856
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Henry
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Augustine
John 14th
= 17.9.1862
Miss Daley
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Guerra
Adeline
= 18.4.1860
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son
1.7.1862



425 W San Jose Ave.,
Fresno Calif., June 19, 1962

Dear Mr. Barleigh:-

We are still working on our study of the Percys. We still look back to your kind consideration of us and our problem. We are not the kind to give up. Most of my time has been spent in getting together a nice story of my grandfather John Percy and his family of eight who all had families of 1st Cousins. We have actually found 6 first Cousins still living and many second Cousins. The story is solved almost one hundred percent. Old grandfather John may have been crazy but it merely was a temporary condition. All of his children and descendants are outstanding. I will have a nice story for you now soon. Old grandfather had his troubles that lead to

his suicide. The old grandmother Anna Fritz²
lived with us until my mother died in 1887
in the Indian Country of northern Nebraska.

It would be a real pleasure to visit you
again with all my data and questions. I
can ask some intelligent questions now. My
wife is not too well. I have hopes of
coming back up there in August. I want
to see you and librarian H. Pearson Gundry.
I was not talking idly when I said
I would have a copy of our study for you.

I made a very lucky find in the granddaughter
of Jacob Percy, John's brother. Her name is
Elva Mae Hobbs. She has been a bedridden
patient for years but she has a keen mind
and she knows things about the Percys
that are really interesting. She has data
from Toronto that checks pretty closely with
yours and in addition she has plenty of

original information. I am mimeographing her^{3.}
letters, as is, I am mimeographing a number
of letters from older Cousins that prove very
interesting. There may be errors but they are
signed and represent many new ideas.

Elva Habbs' mother was Millie Purdy the
daughter of Jacob Purdy. Millie must have known
much Purdy history. Incidentally she knew my
mother Anna very well. Jacob and John Purdy
married Frety sisters. They grew up together and
visited much. Another Frety sister married a Rase.
and John Rase married this Millie. So Elva.

May Habbs was a Rase. Enough for now.
I am into this thing too deep to back out
Everybody told me that people who get into
this Heredity study are either a crack pot or
a genius. Well according to the J.C. Clark Mary
I could easily be a crack pot. And by the way
measure I have found a large number of
near genius numbers of Purdy descent or
is it just plain bulldog Tenacity.

My son Malcolm was a brilliant student and
 now a young Internist M.D. Chairman of the Board
 of Doctors at our large Community Hospital. My
 brother Chas. F. Mastuo is an architect in San
 Francisco. His firm "Mastuo-Hurd" recently won 1962
 first place award among 382 A.I.A. architects
 for a modern designed College near Las Altas. ^{Calif.}
 I mention these things only to hope that you
 do not place me in the Crack Pot list for
 awhile yet.

Believe me there are some pretty "high hat"
 Purdys around Kingstons who want no part
 of the Abigail Astrono story or John Purdy story.
 They are afraid of skeletons. They have not been
 out of the primordial sea long enough to
 know which way they are going.

I am curious about this Abigail Astrono.
 She raised 9 children. All married well and
 raised fine families. One or two gave up the
 struggle in latter life and committed suicide but
 Abigail forgot it out. Maybe she was just

5.

smart enough to tell J. C. Clarke a few things and fight for her kids. She took John and Jacob down around Sidney among her own people. They did not get their land until 1836. John had been married 3 years and had 2 children before this. I have some facts and a premonition to the effect that son Puliff who married widow Gilbert and got rich and who got old Davids land for a couple millions left Abigail and the other children high and dry. Now days we don't call them crazy for evening up such scores.

I could go on with all sorts of such ~~hullawes~~ that I have partly, or quite, forgotten out. It is going to make some interesting reading and conjecture. Many of the remarks in the J. C. Clarke diary could easily be elaborated upon with considerable interest.

I have already minceographed the material you have sent me and other historical additions. You will be hearing from me again very cordially yours, John W. Masters

[The page contains extremely faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]

The Daly Family.

Emmeline (David Daly & Miss Thomas, Peter Daly), married Thomas Purdy. Her father had settled at Cataraqui.

Absalom Shibley (Henry Shibley & Charlotte Day, John Shibley & Ellen Gordonier), married Catherine Purdy. Issue:
Ida, married John J. Leslie.
John H., married Margaret Kingston.

The Grass Family.

Robert Everett Grass (Peter Grass & Esther Everett, Michael Grass), married 1st, Nancy Purdy; 2nd Mrs. Gaitrey Hagerman (nee Ketcheson); settled in Sidney. Children, by first wife:
Peter Grass, married Amie Bonisteel.
Deborah Grass, married Dr. Bolter, M. P.; settled in Stirling.
Esther Ann Grass, married Dr. Demorest; settled in Stirling.
Ruliff Grass, married, 1st. Miss Rowe; and, 2nd, Sarah Rankin (nee Jones); settled in Frankford and finally in Toronto.

The Ebenezer Palmer Family.

James I. Palmer (Ebenezer), married 1st Agnes Foster, and 2nd Hannah Purdy, 3rd Eliza Phipps, and 4th Betsy Spencer. The first wife, Agnes Foster, died in 1848, aged 30 yrs. No children listed for second marriage.

The Cory Family.

Harry R. Cory (David P. Cory & Mary A. Osborn, Abner Cory & Jean Pierson, Eliakim Cory), married Nettie Purdy; settled in Woodbridge, Man. Issue:
Ethel.

The Lyon Family.

John W. Edwards, B. A., M. D., eighth child and youngest son of George and Elizabeth Lyon Edwards, married Hester Jane, daughter of the late Robert G. Purdy. He is a practicing physician at Cataraqui, formerly Waterloo, near Kingston, and is also County Clerk of Frontenac, to which position he was appointed in June, 1889. He obtained his B. A. and M. D. degrees from Queen's College in 1900, having put himself through without one dollar of assistance from any person. Issue:
Edna.
Morden.
Sadie.
Evelyn.
Elizabeth.



THE DAY FAMILY.

PURDY.

Barnabas Day (Barnabas, U. E., & Polly Burdett), died in 1807, married Rhoda Purdy (Wartman). Children born between 1797 and 1807. (see Gilbert Purdy, Ar)

Their son:

Absalom Day, 1801 (??), married Emily Shibley, 1811-1884. Absalom died in 1874.

Their children:

Horatio Day, 1849-1904, married Alameda Purdy, 1849-1913. (see below)

Charles M. Day, 1852-1881, married Mary Ann Purdy, daughter of L. W. Purdy. (see below)

Catheran Purdy, married Absalom Shibley, 1839-1873, son of Charlotte Day & Henry Shibley

Eliza Ann, daughter of Samuel D. Purdy, married 31 Dec., 1857, Henry Day, M. D.
He born 1831.

Cornelia Purdy, married Johnston Day, (Lewis Day & Polly Hill). He born abt. 1814.

Hosea Purdy, married Mary Wartman, 1793-1870, dau. of Barnabas Wartman & Hannah Day.

Their children:

1. Martha Purdy, 1811-1875, married Wm. A. Wood.

2. Barnabas W. Purdy, 1813-1862, married Miriam Spike, 1814-1900.

3. Jerushia Purdy, 1815- , married Isaac Lake, of Inverary.

4. Gilbert Purdy, 1817-

5. Lewis W. Purdy, 1819-1890, married Charlotte Wright, 1814-1899. Children:

Almeda Purdy, 1849-1913, married Horatio Day, 1849-1904. (see above)

Mary Ann Purdy, married 1st, Charles Day, 1852-1881. (see above)
2nd, Alfred Hunter.

6. Hannah Purdy, 1820- married Nathan Wood.

7. Solomon Purdy, 1822- married

8. Hosea Purdy, 1823-1910, married Mary Ann Sparling.

9. John Wesley Purdy, 1829-1910, married Ermina Caldwell. He gathered original Purdy & Wartman Records.

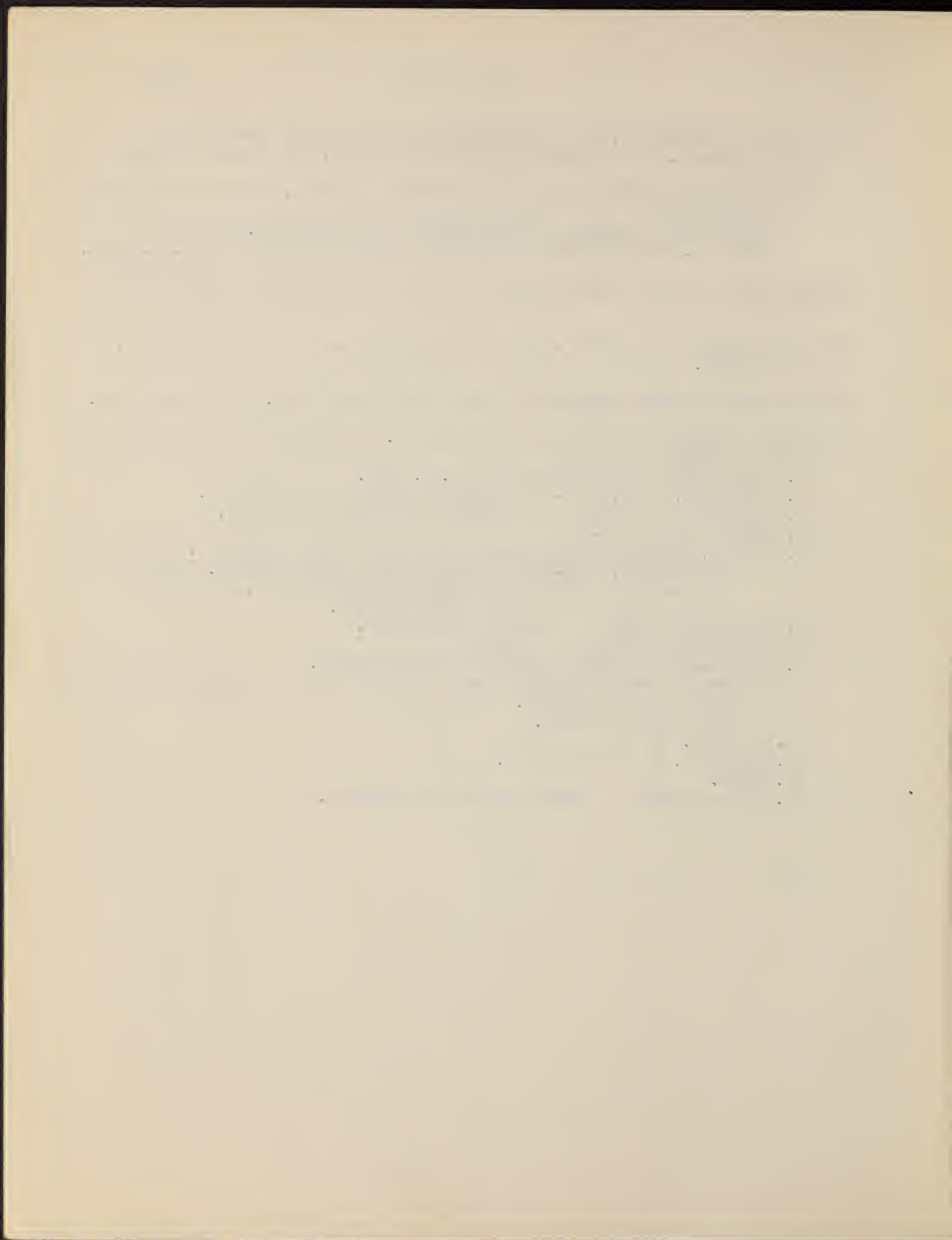
Had a family of eight.

10. Fletcher.)

11. Whitfield.) all died young.

12. Moses.)

13. Malissa Purdy, -1905, married John Campsell.



Canada

3 Dec., 1961.

Mr. J. W. Masten,
425 W. San Jose Ave.,
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Mr. Masten:

I am sorry to be so late in getting this letter off to you. Everything seems to interfere with my doing so.

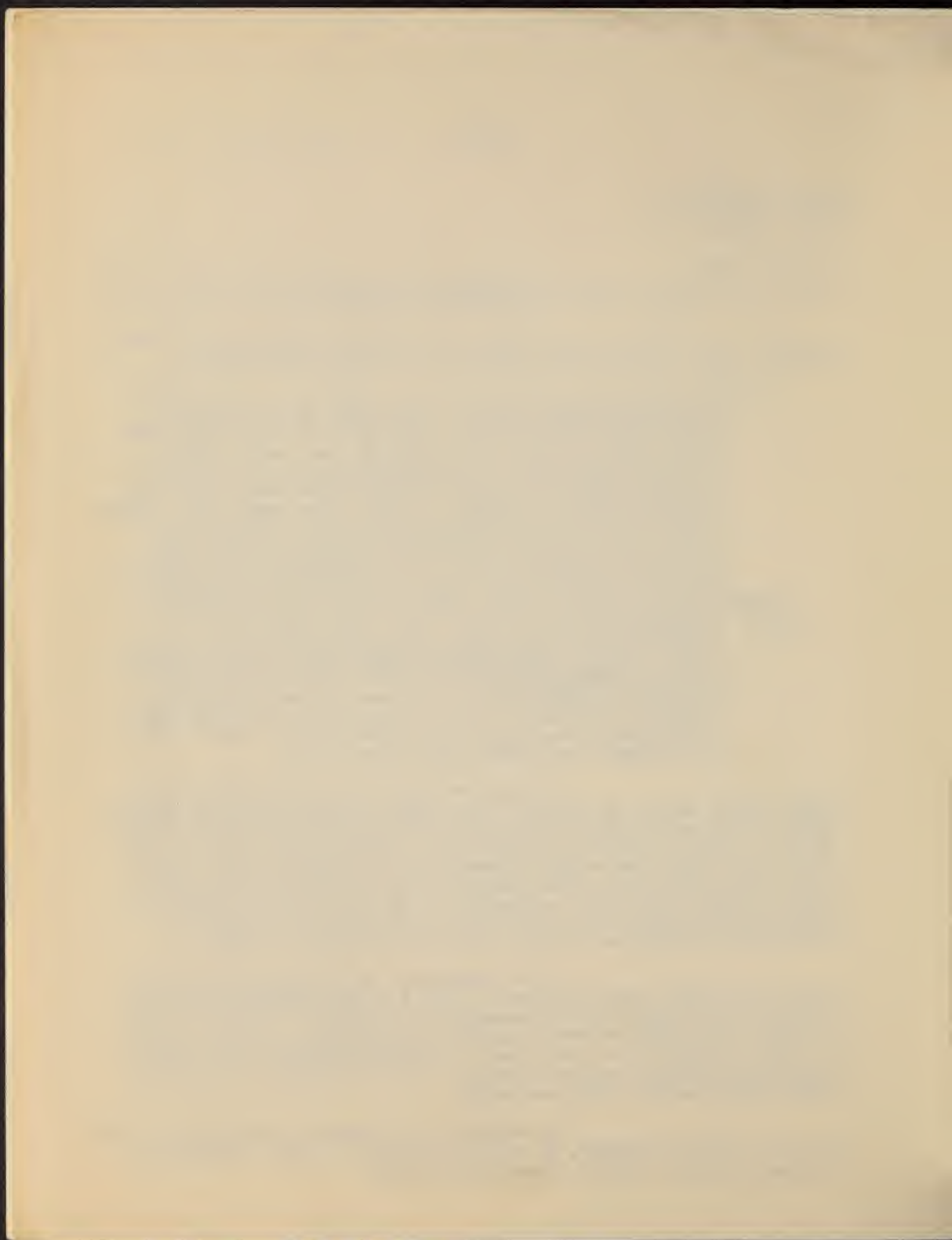
I have looked over your two problems regarding collateral Purdy families. There does seem to be some difficulty here.

1. Nathaniel Purdy. I can not find his name anywhere in my file, nor in connection with the Loyalist Purdy family. As is said, he was born in 1792. If he had been a grandson of the Purdy father who died in 1777, he would have applied for land, as did the many of the old gentleman's other grandchildren. As you may know, the Haldimand-Cramahe area is about seventy miles west of Bath, and, therefore, out of my territory. I know little except that a George Purdy, of Haldimand Township, occupied lot 4, concession 8, in 1873. At the same time, a good deal could be found about this family, particularly in the younger generations, if necessary. But, this would not likely lead to the parentage of Nathaniel.
2. ~~NATHAN~~ Purdy who married Hannah Gould. As there was no birth date or Gilbert Location given in your notes, it is very difficult to make a statement about this family. As far as is known, there were two Davids of similar age--namely, Gilbert, son of David of Ernest-town, and ~~NATHAN~~ Gilbert, son of Gilbert, of Kingston Township. The latter drew his 200 acres of land in 1829. Other than that I know not. I will say that there was a Joseph Purdy, of Haldimand, whose children drew land in 1808. Both of these men--Nathaniel and Gilbert might belong to him

The problem which you have raised about Samuel Purdy, insane, who cut his throat 30 June, 1852, is a poser. It would, indeed, appear that he was son of the Gilbert who died of cancer of the face in 1851, aged 83. However, I have found it deceiving to find the word, senior, after a name., particularly when several persons of the same given name were living in the same territory. The diarist might have been referring to the Samuel, brother of David and Gilbert, and grandson of the man who died in 1777 or 8. I have nothing further to add at present, except that Samuel may have been influenced by the deeds of the other Purdys in the matter of suicide.

As you will note, I am enclosing more notes on your family which I have copied from my file. I am also enclosing Mr. Gundy's article on David Purdy, which I scrounged from him. When I told him that one of David's descendants was very interested in the article, he gave it gladly, for which I thanked him in your name. I am also enclosing pertinent items re the Ostroms. It is not much, as I have not been too familiar, or interested, except their connection with your family.

My wife and I were pleasantly surprised to receive you gift of Wisconsin cheese. It was very thoughtful of you to remember us. I am sure that your wife had a hand in the choice.



Cemeteries.

Purdy

Bath United.

William d Jan. 22, 1847, at 77 yrs (b 1769¹⁷⁷⁰).

Pioneers of B. Q.

Thomas Purdy = Emmeline, dau of David, + grand dau. of Peter Daly.

Catharine Purdy = Abner Shibley, son of Henry, and gr. son of John.

Nancy Purdy = Robt. Everett Cross, son of Peter, & gr. son of Michael
sett. Sydney.

Hannah Purdy = as sec. wife James I. Palmer, he b 1793 d 1887.

Hester Jane, dau. of Robt. G. Purdy = John W. Edwards M.D.

McDowall Register.

Rudolph Purdy, 2 = Deborah Gilbert, widow Sydney 8 Jan, 1811

Jesse Purdy, 1, = Mariah Card, 2 26 Apr., 1817

Phoebe Purdy, 1 = Duncan Van Alstine, 1 5 June, 1820.

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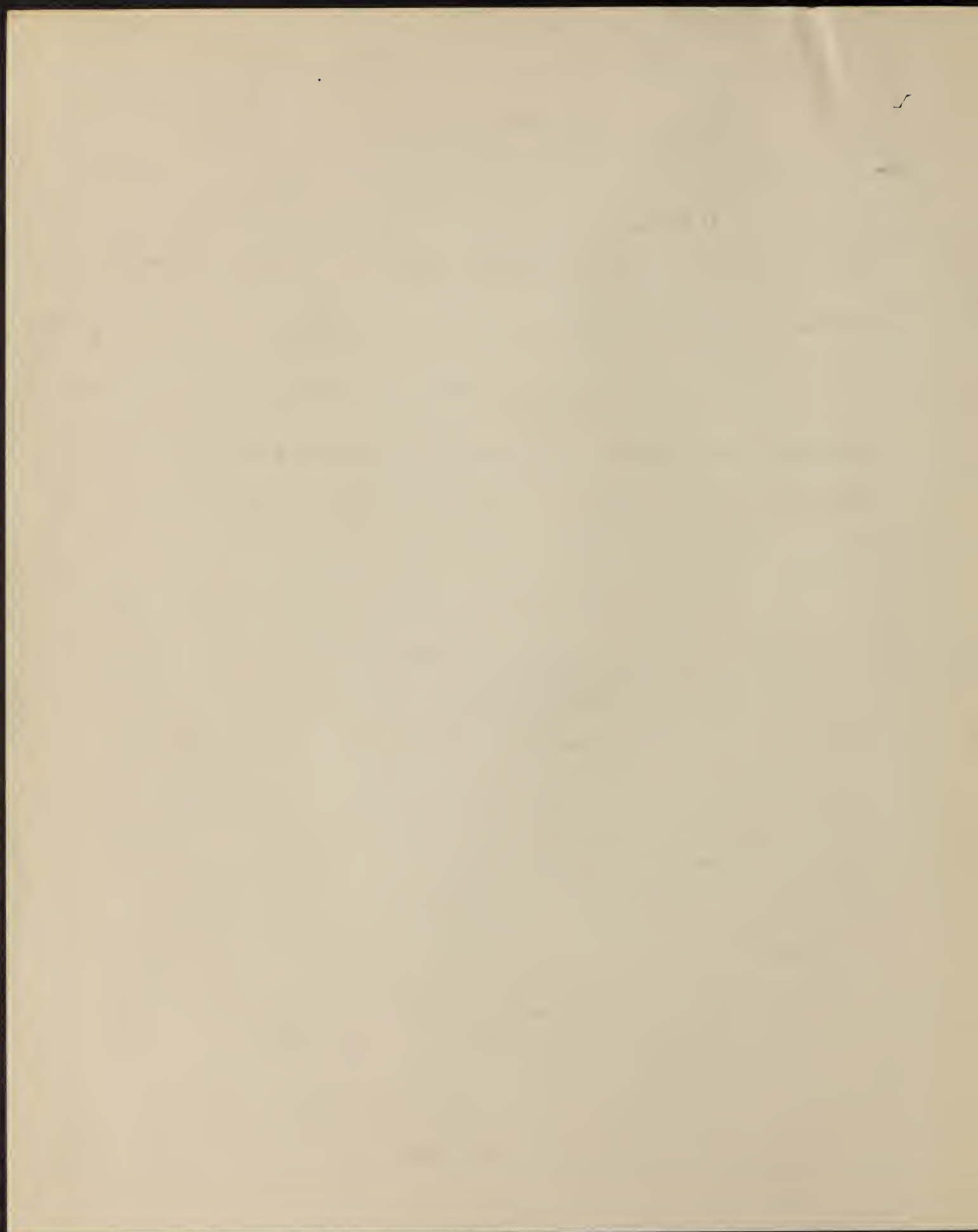
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Early Life in Upper Canada.
Guillet.

p. 103 Gazette (York) April 19. 1800

Elisha Purdy - Watchmaker - begs leave to inform his friends and the public that he has taken a room in the house of Mr. Manther, where he repairs and cleans watches of all kinds in the best manner and on the most reasonable terms. All orders left for him at said house will be duly attended to. He has a small but elegant assortment of jewellery for sale.

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A few years later it was chosen for some settlers in the district to travel to Purdy's Mills (the nucleus of Lindsay), where William Purdy, an American, erected a grist-mill in 1830, aided by his sons Jesse and Harold.

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In the latter part of 1816, however, the Kingston Road was open, in part following the Danforth Road and in other sections being nearer the lake shore. In January, 1817, Samuel Purdy inaugurated the first stage line over the road, leaving Daniel Brown's Inn, Kingston, every Monday, and York every Thursday. The half-way house on this three-day trip was Spaulding's Inn, Grafton, and the fare was \$18, with baggage limited to twenty-eight pounds per passenger; the following winter Purdy reduced the fare to \$10.

P. 673 Copied from Watson Kirkconnell's admirable Victoria County Centennial History:

A number of farmers who were with their ox-teams at Purdy's Mill one clear, cool evening were startled to hear a volley of muskets and to see a column of about 300 armed men with a large flag descending the steep river-bank to the north. When the advance guard got on the bridge

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cheers were raised, trumpets sounded, kettle-drums rattled, the flag waved, and another mighty salvo of musket-fire let off into the upper air. The villagers, some thirty men, women and children in all, rushed from their cabins to see what was happening, and found that their visitors were a detachment of Peterborough militia under Colonel Alexander McDonnell, searching for Mackenzie. As it was too late for the contingent to return home that night, they bivouacked in and around Britton's Tavern, it soon did not matter much which.

William Pandy had been speaking rather plainly against the Family Compact, and Major Murphy took this opportunity of laying information against him. The miller was accordingly arrested and taken to Cobourg jail. Here he lay without trial for some time, but was at last liberated and told to go home and mind his own business. As a result of this unpleasant experience Pandy decided not to live in Lindsay any longer, and removed to Bath. Of his two sons, Jesse, who had had a severe attack of fever and ague, went with him, while Hazard remained in charge of the mill.

Watson Kirkconnell: Victoria County Centennial History. 1921. pp. 94-5.

SONS & DAUGHTERS OF U. E.

PURDY.

PURDY, David, of Ernesttown, married Abigail, daughter of Ruliph Ostrum, U. E.

son Gilbert, of Ernesttown	O. C. 15 Feb. 1810.
" Ruliph, of Ernesttown	20 Feb. 1810.
dau. Elizabeth	26 Mar. 1817.
son Samuel D., of Ernesttown	12 Jul. 1820.
" Micajah D., of Ernesttown	12 Jul. 1820.
dau. Mary, wife of John Abbott, of Kingston	12 Jul. 1820.
son John, of Sidney	1 Dec. 1836.
" Jacob, of Ernesttown	1 Dec. 1836.
" Joseph, of Ernesttown	5 Feb. 1835.

PURDY, Gilbert, Sr., Guides & Pioneers, married Mary -----. Lived at New Burgh, Ulster Co., New York. Died in 1778.

son David, of Ernesttown, U. E.	
" Gilbert, of Kingston	O. C. 7 June, 1800.
" Micajah, of Kingston.	
" Samuel, of Kingston	26 Mar. 1817.
dau. Mercy, wife of John Everitt, of Kingston	3 Mar., 1809.
" Rhoda.	
" Mary.	
" Charlotte, wife of Nicholas Herchmer, of Kingston	17 Nov. 1797.

PURDY, Gilbert, Jr., of Kingston. He was born Jan. 1762, son of Gilbert Purdy, Sr., who was killed in the Revolutionary War in 1778 (see 13) 2 Sidney).

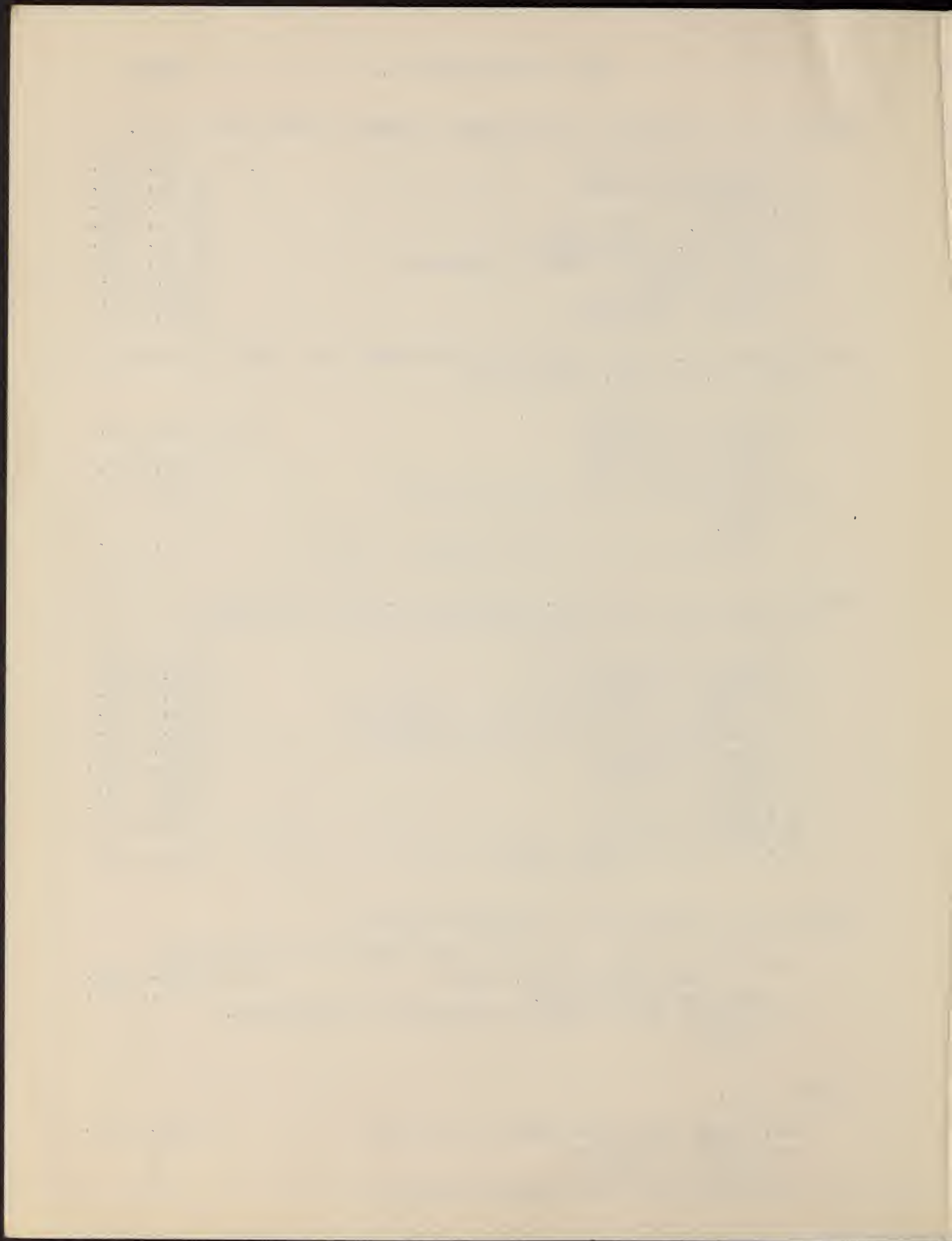
son William James, of Kingston	3 Oct., 1833.
" Gilbert, of Kingston	6 Aug., 1829.
" Micajah, of Kingston	6 Aug., 1829.
dau. Susannah, wife of John Moore, of Loughborough	6 Aug., 1829.
" Charlotte, wife of Davis McCay, of Kingston	6 Aug., 1829.
son Hosea, of Kingston	29 Aug., 1810.
" Samuel, of Kingston	26 Aug., 1817.
" Jesse, of Kingston	20 May, 1817.
dau. Martha	13 June, 1818.
son David, of Kingston	12 Sept., 1833.
dau. Mary, wife of Joseph R. Caverley, of Kingston, married 4 June, 1809.	7 Aug., 1810.

PURDY, Jesse, of Elizabethtown, married Ruth Kennicot.

son William, of Yonge, born 12 Aug., 1769, married Elizabeth Brundage; died at Bath, 22 Jan., 1847.	O. C. 18 Mar., 1808.
" Thomas, of Elizabethtown.	29 Sep., 1819.
dau. Susannah, wife of Archibald Montgomery, of Elizabethtown.	
" Hannah.	

PURDY, Joseph.

dau. Betsey, wife of John McEvers, of Hamilton	22 Feb., 1808.
son Benjamin, of Hamilton	do
" Daniel, of Hamilton	do
dau. Nancy, wife of John Vaughan, of Hamilton	do



BRUNDAGE, John, of Yonge, Soldier in Delancey's Corps of Refugees.

dau. Elizabeth, wife of William Purdy, of Yonge (see p. 1) O. C. 18 June, 1799.

Caverley, Joseph, of Thurlow.

son Joseph F., of Kingston, married Mary Purdy. (see p. 1) O. C. 29 Sep. 1824.

EMBURY, John, of Fredericksburgh; wife, Mary -----.

dau. Mary, baptized 25 Jan. 1789, wife of Micajah Purdy, of
Kingston O. C. 5 June, 1810.

EVERETTE, John, of Kingston, married Mercy, daughter of Gilbert Purdy, Sr., U. E.
He died 28 June, 1825, aged 82 years. (see p. 1)

GOLDSMITH, Thomas, of Hallowell, married Asenath Conger.

dau. Asenath, married, 1 May, 1816, Gilbert Purdy, of Hallowell.
O. C. 19 Apr. 1820.

HERCHMER, Capt. Hanyost, of Kingston, married Mary -----, who died in Aug., 1805.
He died at Kingston in Aug., 1795.

son Nicholas, of Kingston, married Charlotte Purdy. He died in 1809.
(see p. 1) O. C. 17 Nov., 1797.

HOUGH, Asa, of Fredericksburgh, married Eleanor, daughter of William Bell, Sr., U.E.,
of Fredericksburgh, 11 May, 1790.

dau. Flora, bapt. 16 April, 1797, married Micajah Purdy, of
Kingston. O. C. 3 Feb., 1834.

MCLAREN, Peter, Lieut., Jessup's Corps, married Mary ----- Marcy, 1784; she
married 2ndly Samuel Wright, of Elizabethtown.

dau. Nancy (Anna), wife of Samuel Purdy, of Elizabethtown. O. C. 17 Nov. 1797.

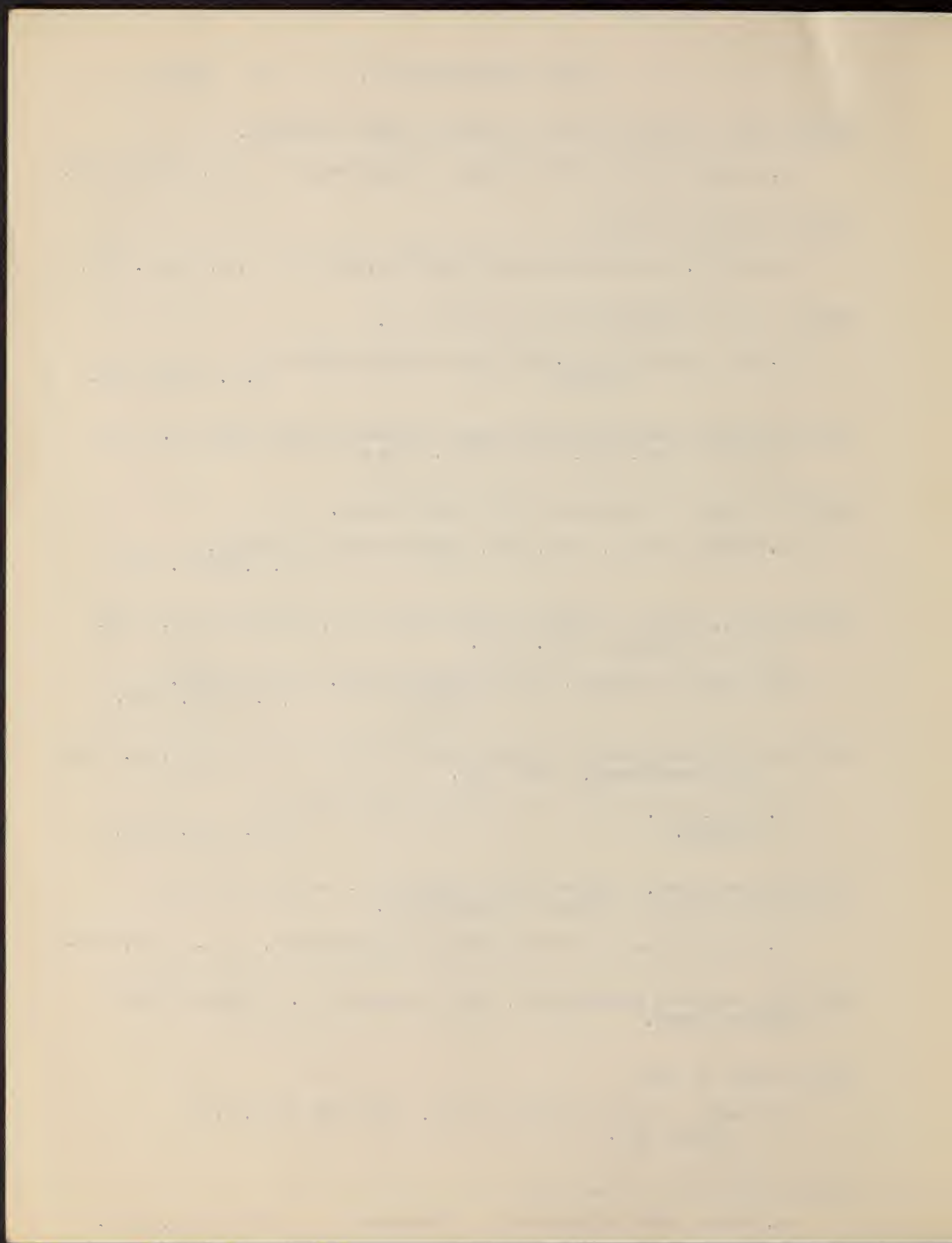
MONTGOMERY, Archibald (schoolmaster), married Susannah, dau. of Jesse and Ruth
(Kennicot) Purdy.

MUNRO, Daniel, of Yonge.

son Timothy, of Markham, married, 10 Sep., 1824 Hulda Purdy. O.C.
He died 1892.

Ostrum, Ruliph, died 17 Feb., 1818.

dau. Abigail, wife of David Purdy, of Ernesttown O. C. 7 Aug., 1810.



Bath, Ont., Canada.
29 October, 1961.

Mr. John W. Masten,
425 San Jose Ave.,
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Mr. Masten:

I am at long last able to forward you the promised material. It is only partially done, as my typist is a busy housewife. In other words, there will be more to come.

I wish to express my appreciation of your kindness with regard ~~addition~~ to the information which I have collected about our old families. You did not need to leave the check in your letter. I do appreciate the fact that you are interested in your forebears, and that you realize the immensity of my collection. So few people do. In my day I have furnished a great deal of information to people of Mormon persuasion without expecting compensation. Still, when I wish something from them, they demand a liberal payment. Again my thanks. It helps to pay for the many days and trips hither and yon in my search for material.

I wish to point out that David Purdy, Sr., had four sons and four daughters, if we are to believe his Loyalist Claim. The Jesse Purdy, who settled near Brockville, Ontario, and whose son, Wm., finally settled in Bath, does not appear to be a son of David, Sr., It is most probable that he was a brother or a nephew.

The Purdy family was a prolific one. As you will note, I am enclosing census records of Kingston Township Purdys. These belong to brothers of the David who settled in Ernesttown. I have some more on these families which I shall send after typing. They will include the family of Gilbert, brother of David, Jr. The descendants of the other brothers of David, namely Samuel and Micajah, will be hard to trace. In any event, you will have a great deal about your own family.

It would be possible to discover the farm on which John Purdy settled. According to the Loyalist Claim of John for land as son of a Loyalist, he drew his land in Sidney Township, which is the township extending eastward from Trenton and the Trent River towards Belleville, and some eight or ten miles east of Smithfield. A search in the Registry office in Belleville would locate the lot, and a search of transfers of this lot might furnish just the information you want.

I know little about John Purdy beyond what appears in the Clark Diary. And I agree with you that insanity and genius go hand in hand. I keep thinking that our moral laws are somewhat biased, and are based on the false premise that we must not kill each other, but are perfectly innocent when we kill all the other creatures of God, whether we do it for pleasure or for food. Perhaps the crazy ones were those who devised the Mosaic Law.

I have not yet had an opportunity to obtain a copy of the article on Gilbert Purdy. The Librarian at Queen's University is out every time I go in for books. If you have not obtained a copy, I shall see him.

It would appear as if I must cut short this letter. Again my

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Received of the Treasurer of the County of ... the sum of ...

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Did I tell you Mrs. Lapp is also a Shorey descendant and sent us photos of Rufus + Esther to copy? She also discovered she is related to me through the Switzers. Didn't know of her Switzer when she was writing the book.

Box 713, Balcarres, Sask., S0G 0C0

July 8, 1976.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh,
Bath, Ont.

Dear Sir,

You will remember me giving you information about the little brass (yours apparently tin) lamp, invented by my grandfather, Anthony Neville, for burning gasoline.

I think I have been passing up an opportunity, (I hope) to find the name of my gr.gr. grandmother wife of Gilbert Purdy, son of Gilbert who died in the Br. army at the Chesapeake on the way to Philadelphia. I have names of his family, and various mentions of him, but never his wife's name. Perhaps you know it.

Also something about the Ferris family. Pamela was his son Samuel's wife, and we have known very well the family of her sister Betsy who married Ogden Quigley. There was also a Miss Ferris who married another son of Gilbert's i.e. a brother of Samuel.

You quoted the ditty about ^(Micajah) Cajah Purdy. I understand he had 6 wives. Is that so? Mrs. Lapp in To Their Beirs has Mary Conbury 2nd wife of Micajah Purdy. What happened to them all?

Hopefully. Yours sincerely (Miss) Harriet M. Purdy.

Mary, da John & Mary Embury of 3, b. 25.1.1789 = Meagah Purdy of 1.
O.C. 5 June 1810
Flora, d. Asa Hough & Eleanor da W Bell Sr., b. 16.4.1797 = Meagah Purdy of 1
O.C. 3.2.1834

Ann, da. of Jos Valentine Deller & Catherine Hill. He d 1798 She d 1826
married, as third wife Meagah Purdy. She d. 3 yrs after marriage
She had 3 sons (2 killed in a well 14 Aug 1867)
He then married Mary Embury, sister of his third wife Ann?
They had 2 daughters. Both of them married D. Beamesh
of Waterloo (Cataragui) Village
Issue 4 sons

He married once more after Mary. Was this Flora Hough?

Clark Henry

1838, Jul 29 Mr Meagah Purdy's son killed by the kick of a horse
1844 Jan 26 Old " " at this morning aged 78 years (1765)

Leaves of the Revolution
Those Tory Purdys

1775 March 28

This evening was married at the White Plains, Westchester County, New York, Mr. Gabriel Purdy, youngest son of Mr. Samuel Purdy, to the agreeable Miss Charity Purdy, daughter of Mr. Joseph Purdy, both of that town. What particularly is remarkable in the affair, is this, the guests consisted of forty-seven persons; thirty-seven of whom were Purdys, and not a single Whig among them.

Roxington, April 20



425 W. San Jose Ave.
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May 31, 1963

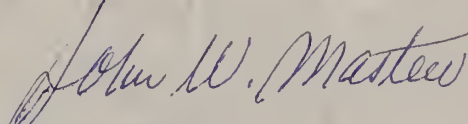
Dear Dr. Burleigh:

Believe it or not we are going to come back to Canada sometime around June 20 and we sincerely hope we can find you for a visit.

We have completed, as much as we are able with our notes about the early Purdy family. There are over 200 pages of old letters and data from living relatives as well as the material you sent us. We have a copy for you and for H. P. Gundy as well.

When I think of all that you have done in this heredity work and realize the time I spent on my small bit, I marvel at your accomplishments. We shall be eternally grateful to you for your help.

Very sincerely yours,


John W. Masten

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